

Title IV Parent Committee Elected, Programs Reviewed

A new parent committee, mandated by Title IV Part A of the Indian Education Act to implement and oversee programs for Indian children, was elected Tuesday night and their first activity was to hear staff reports.

Title IV Part A funds provide five positions in the 509-J school system, including community liaisons at all three levels and counselors in the junior high and high school. Part A also provides a summer tutoring program at the elementary and junior high levels.

In the coming year parent education will be given increased attention and funding, noted Federal Programs coordinator John Trujillo. "More effort will go into getting parents involved in their children's education," said Trujillo at an earlier meeting at which the 1979-80 proposed budget was presented.

In August the Senate approved \$48 million nationwide under Title IV Part A. School district 509-J has been allocated \$103,260, an increase of \$12,000 over this year. The budget proposal must be completed by February 15 but can be revised when notice of a possible add-on is given by the government in May.

The parent committee is composed, according to by-laws, of a maximum of 22 people, at least half of which must be parents. The balance should be made up by teachers and students.

Members of the old committee who were reinstated at the public hearing January 16 were Fabian Sutterlee, Sr. (parent), Nola Adams (P), George Clements (P), Janice Clements (P), Jim Foltz (P), Danny Martinez (P), Arlita Rhoan (P), Bernice

Mitchell (P), Harry Phillips (Teacher), Andy Sulick (T), Molly Burget (T), and Carol McClelland (T).

New members voted in are Buck Smith (P), Arlita "Ducky" Davis (P), Tommy Kalama (P), Wilbur Johnson, Sr. (P), Steve Rankin (T), Rich Little (T), Lois Estimo (Student), Ray Shike, Jr. (S), Roger Stwyer and Cynthia Stowell (community members).

Sutterlee was re-elected as chairman of the parent committee. Tommy Kalama is the new vice chairman and the executive council is composed of Lois Estimo, Steve Rankin and Jim Foltz.

Immediately after the election the new committee was briefed by Trujillo. Their job will be to help prepare programs and budgets and monitor program activities. He also foresees the committee taking a more active role in the screening, interviewing and hiring of program personnel.

Trujillo said he planned to schedule regular visitations for federal program committees to the schools for the purpose of observing program activities and talking with staff.

STAFF REPORTS

The new Title IV Part A Parent Committee got down to business right away and heard reports from the three community liaisons and the high school counselor.

Elementary Liaison Delson Suppah reported that the benefit chili feed and basketball game for Hazel Suppah January 12 netted \$199. Mrs. Suppah lost her home in a fire November 26.

The liaison is also lining up homes and sleeping bags for 44 visiting Australian students and adults who are due to arrive in Warm Springs tonight (January

19) for a weekend stay. Suppah can be reached at 553-1612.

Junior High Liaison Marie Calica (475-34005) informed the committee of numerous planned and ongoing activities. A weekly reality therapy session will begin January 30 for twelve hand-picked students who have low GPA's or social-emotional problems.

A food drive for Hazel Suppah brought in 185 pounds of canned food. Calica also reported the donation of lumber to the shop classes by Warm Springs Forest Products Industries.

A career day is in the works, whereby a junior high student will be assigned to a working person for a day to observe and possibly assist the worker.

The sixth grade visitation is due to begin this spring, bringing Warm Springs sixth graders to the junior high for a day to get a first-hand look at scheduling, class-changing and other procedures.

The modeling club, which grew dramatically from a handful of girls to a popular after-school activity, is seeking funds for career development trips. Also in the works at the junior high are an Indian Club and an alternative classroom for those students failing to keep pace.

High School Liaison Anna Hurtado made an appeal for parental encouragement and involvement in both her and the students' activities. She described her role as an assistant to counselor Ron Pinkham but focusing more on attendance problems and visits to the home.

Hurtado, who has received many challenges regarding her use of time and her effectiveness on the job, reported that she is accounting for her time on a daily basis to five supervisors. Presently she spends most of the morning in the school and the rest of the day on visitations. She expressed her willingness to drop off assignments to absent students or otherwise assist students and parents outside the school. Her number is 475-6566.

High School Counselor Ron Pinkham described in some detail the alternative classroom that is being launched for failing students this month (See Story on page 6).

Pinkham said that in an average day he sees 25 kids in his office, sometimes a few at a time. They are coming to him with profound emotional problems that they can't discuss with their parents. The counselor regretted that communication was not better between parents and kids.

The next Title IV Part A Parent Committee is Tuesday, February 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

Indian News Notes

by Vince Lovett

COMMISSIONER WARNS AGAINST GOVERNMENT-FUNDED LOBBYING: The BIA's Acting Deputy Commissioner sent a January 2 memorandum to Central Office Directors, Area Directors and Agency Superintendents to remind them at the beginning of the 96th Congress of the "prohibition against 1) the use of Federal funds to influence Congressional action and 2) Federal employees requesting appropriations not requested by the President." The memo makes clear that "the prohibition applies whether the use of funds is direct by BIA staff or thru a contract, grant, or cooperative agreement.

Special note should be made of the fact that the prohibition extends to the payment of travel expenses for tribal representatives to testify before Congressional committees." The 1979 Interior Appropriations Act spells out very clearly the ban against using any of the Federal funds, "directly or indirectly, to support lobbying activities of any kind."

The committee inserted this language, reportedly, because it felt there were abuses in the use of ITAC funds and other contract funds. The Commissioner's memo notes that while Federal employees must conform to the limitations of the President's budget request, this requirement does not restrain them from responding candidly to any Congressional inquiries regarding appropriations.

FORTUNE SAYS INDIANS SCARE 259th LARGEST COMPANY: The president of Great Northern Nekoosa, No. 259 on Fortune Magazine's 500 industrials' list, said of the Main Indian Tribes' land claim: "It's a stacked deck, a raw deal, and damn well may be unconstitutional.

The story in the big-business publication says Great Northern and other big companies are frightened by the threat of claims "based on what may have been a bizarre historical oversight."

The article said that President Carter had set a \$30 million limit on Federal money to settle the claims and that White House negotiators thought that Congress would appropriate the money only if the legislation protected small landowners from losing their homes. Their proposed settlement, consequently, left the big corporations vulnerable.

Great Northern's president argued that the White House proposal violated the due-process clause of the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution because it did not provide equal protection of the law for all. He described the proposal as "a cynical attempt to isolate a group of large landowners from everyone else."

CROW CREEK TRIBE ASKS FOR SHARE OF POWER REVENUES: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been informed that the Crow Creek Sioux Indian Tribe wants a third of the power revenues generated over the past 14 years by a Missouri River dam created by inundating tribal lands around Fort Thompson in South Dakota. Representatives of the tribe said the rebate should continue until the government completes the relocation of tribal facilities displaced by the Big Bend Dam.

The Engineers Corps said the dam has generated at least \$60 million in power revenues since it became operational about 12 years ago. The tribe has also asked for a free, perpetual share of electricity generated by the dam. The rationale for the tribal requests is that one third of Lake Sharpe, created by the dam lies on Crow Creek Sioux land, and "it's our water that's in there," said tribal chairman Robert Philbrick. William Veeder, an attorney and expert on Indian water issues, said that the Colville Confederated Tribes in the State of Washington are making a similar claim to power revenues from the Grand Coulee Dam.

INTERIOR MODIFIES RULES ON NATIONAL MONUMENT LANDS IN ALASKA: The Interior Department has issued new temporary regulations governing the protection of some 50 million acres of Alaska lands recently set aside by President Carter as national monuments. The new regulations are aimed at assuring that rural residents of the regions could continue subsistence activities and that the regions' access and travel routes would be preserved. "These regulations have the dual function of protecting the great natural treasures of Alaska and the lifestyle of the rural people who often depend on local plants, animals, birds and fish for their livelihood," said Interior Secretary Cecil Andrus.

MORMONS' STUDENT PLACEMENT PROGRAM EXEMPTED FROM NEW LAW: The Indian Child Welfare Act, aimed at restricting the placement of Indian children in non-Indian foster and adoptive homes, will not affect the Mormon church's student placement program which places Indian children with Mormon families for the nine months of the school year. According to a recent report in the New York Times, the exemption of the program from the bill's restrictions was not an accident. The Times quotes Senator James Abourezk as saying: "We exempted it on purpose and out of necessity. There would have been one hell of a political fight if we hadn't." The Times said that proponents of the bill feared that without the exemption, the strong Mormon lobby could have caused its defeat.

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS announced that smoking can cause death through cancer, heart trouble and other diseases. Something like this could cause a lot of problems here in this country of our. The tobacco growers could be hurt for the loss of sales, and well, "It could cause a lot of people to be late to work each day, because they would not have that smoking cough to wake them early each morning." YIKES

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THERE WAS THIS POLACK who said, "There must be something wrong with my fingers, because every time I put them in my ears I can't hear a thing." YIKES

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A CUSTOMER WAS COMPLAINING about his room to the hotel clerk by saying, "I thought you said this was a quiet room and while I was in there I could hear a pin fall?" The clerk said, "Sure, just listen, the bowling alley is right next door, hear that, I think that was a strike." YIKES

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THERE WAS THIS NURSE with a low cut uniform that came into the doctors office and said, "You know the patient in room 3-A, everytime I bend over to take his blood pressure the beat of his heart just about doubles." The doc said, "Why don't you try covering his face the next time." YIKES

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WHAT DOES A PERSON in this small town do for a good time and fun on a Saturday night? "You just move on." YIKES

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THERE WAS THIS POLACK who said to his friend, "You know that I've been thinking of getting married, but I can't." His friend said, "Why not?" Because I believe like my family did, they all married relatives, but I don't have anyone, you see my mother married my father, my grandma married my grandpas, and my uncle married my aunt. YIKES

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THERE WERE THESE TWO room mates who were talking about their sisters one day when Sue said, "You know that at college my sister is not only popular with the boys on the campus but she is also on the deans list." "Oh! my," Kay said, "You know, my sister is always in trouble with the dean also." YIKES

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THERE WAS THIS TEACHER whose name was Mike who asked a student Dale, "If it took you 4 minutes to peel a potato, how long would it take you to peel a peck?" "Oh, about two hours." Now Dale, if Gail went to the kitchen to peel a peck, how long would that take? Dale, "If Gail was with me, I don't think we would peel potatoes." YIKES

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