Tribal Council in January

The following are some of the items on the Tribal Council agenda for the rest of January (subject to change at Council discretion):

Wednesday, January 13

Committee reports:

9 a.m.: Timber Committee.

10: Health and Welfare Committee.

11: Land Use Planning Committee.

1:30 p.m.: Range and Ag Committee.

2:30: Fish and Wildlife Committee—Off Reservation.

3:30: Water Board update.

4: Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council projects.

Monday, January 18

9 a.m.: Secretary-Treasurer update.

9:30: February agenda/review minutes.

10: Draft resolutions with the S-T.

11: Covid-19 update with the Response Team.

1:30: Legislative update calls.

2:30: Enrollments.

3: Development Office update with Bruce Irwin.

3:30: Human Resources update with Cheryl Tom.

4: Finance update with Alfred Estimo.

Tuesday, January 19

9 a.m.: Governmental Affairs update with Louie Pitt.

9:30: Managed Care update with Michael Collins.

10: Administrative Services update with Michele Stacona.

10:30: Procurement update with Libby Chase.

11: Tribal Court update with Lisa Lomas.

1:30 p.m.: Public Safety update with Carmen Smith.

2:30: Natural Resources update with Robert Brunoe.

Wednesday, January 20

9 a.m.: Health and Human Services with Caroline Cruz.

10: Education with Valerie Switzler.

11: Public Utilities with Travis Wells.

Monday through Thursday, January 25-28: 2021 Winter conference the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (virtual).

Items for further consideration: November/December 2020 financials. Water quality standards. Annual health report. Beaver Butte discussion—AT&T.

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For the third quarter at MHS

To Madras High School students and families,

We understand this year has been unconventional and challenging for most. While these challenges have been felt individually, we hope to reunite the Madras High School White Buffalo family. We are excited to welcome our freshmen class to our school for the first time this year, and to celebrate our senior class for all they've accomplished and overcome.

When we return to school in February, things still won't look like they used to, but your Madras High School staff are committed to making the remainder of the school year feel as welcoming, supportive and normal as possible.

While we don't yet have all the answers, we wanted to communicate with our families what we do know so far:

Madras High School students grades 9-12 will return to in-person learning the week of February 1.

High school students have two options for learning beginning the third quarter: Either in-person or CASA. (Note: Comprehensive Distance Learning will no longer be an option).

The deadline for parents to determine whether their student or students will attend third quarter in-person or CASA is this Friday, January 15. To change your student's learning option, you'll need to contact the district office at 541-475-6192.

Students will return in cohorts. Instead of students moving between periods, teachers will be moving between classrooms to teach. This will greatly reduce exposure between cohorts and keep everyone as safe and healthy as possible.

The remainder of the school year 2020-21 will be in quarters rather than semesters.

The third quarter schedule will remain the same four-period schedule that exists for the second quarter.

Questions and answers

Question: Can students make changes to their third quarter schedule?

Answer: No, Our Madras High School counselors did the best they could to ensure the best possible student schedules as we transition back into the building. With that in mind, third quarter schedules were created using metrics and formulas that were required by the state to meet health protocols.

Can students change to CASA if they don't like being in-person?

No, Not after the quarter has started. Changes can only be made between quarters.

Will students need to bring their Chromebook to class with them?

Yes, Students need to bring their Chromebooks with them daily, along with chargers. Please make sure the batter is charged and ready to go.

Do students need to bring any other supplies with them daily to class?

Yes, Students need to bring their school-provided materials that were handed out during the first quarter. If your student did not pick one up, he or she can still get them during school hours when we return to school.

When we return to school, Will clubs return?

Clubs are able to continue meeting in their virtual format. It will be a case-by-case basis for clubs/activities to begin meeting in-person.

What about sports? If students return, Does that mean sports will return also?

No, The school's ability to bring students back in-person is separate from the OSAA's rules and regulations pertaining to sports. Visit osaa.org for more information on sports during Covid-19.

How and when will students get materials for the third quarter?

See **MHS LETTER** *on 4*

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