

Timber Lake School District No. 20-3

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Dissemination of May 13, 2020 Community Input Meeting

On May 13, 2020, Timber Lake School District held a Community Input Meeting via a Zoom meeting. We had fifteen people in attendance with the five school board members.

During the community meeting, constituents stated the following concerns/suggested studying the possibility and feasibility of providing the following items:

1. Provide presentations and assemblies concerning both cultural awareness and sexual harassment
2. Providing an activity bus for the White Horse Community
3. Request for a community garden
4. Providing meals for students while on school activities

First, thank you to all in attendance who had questions or input concerning federal programs.

In reference to presentations and assemblies: During the 2019-20 school year, Timber Lake School District has been in contact with our educational partners in researching opportunities for presentations and assemblies concerning both cultural awareness and sexual harassment. We will continue to research all opportunities that fit our needs, so we are able to secure appropriate educational opportunities for our students in these areas.

In reference to an activity bus for the White Horse community: We previously researched the need for an activity bus or busses through formal need's assessment surveys, which were delivered in October of 2018 and again in February of 2020. In 2018 the results indicated that 29% of parent/guardian participants agreed an activity bus would be beneficial with 71% not seeing a need. The 2020 results had 28% of parent/guardian participants stating there was a need for an activity bus and 72% either not having a preference or feeling there was not a need. In the 2020 survey we added the question, "Is your child unable to participate in activities due to the lack of transportation?". 5% of parents/guardians stated "yes" with 95% stating "no". In addition, we requested that all parents/guardians whose child could not participate due to transportation contact the main office with the student's name, which would be kept confidential. During the 2020 survey for students between 6th-12th grade we also requested students contact Mrs. Marshall on a confidential basis if they were not able to participate in an activity due to a lack of transportation. To date, Timber Lake School District has not received any calls or communication from parents/guardians or students concerning not being able to participate due to a lack of transportation. We will continue to research needs through surveys and data from our district report cards while compiling a possible cost analysis.

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In reference to a community garden: Timber Lake School District is, and has consistently been in support of a community garden when school led groups/clubs/organizations expressed interest in this.

In reference to meals for students while on school activities: Students at Timber Lake School District receive reimbursable school meals (brown bag lunches) when they are absent during the lunch period due to a school activity. If a student is gone for a school activity for more than 12 hours, they receive a meal stipend. We will consult with our coaches/advisors/supervisors again to identify if there are needs of student participants not currently being met. Parents are always welcome to start a meal program such as the program football parents initiated and maintain.

Our Native American Coordinator was applauded for applying for and receiving acceptance to the Wookiye Pilot through the SD Department of Tribal Relations. Timber Lake was one of three schools selected for this pilot. Our five staff member participants are: Mrs. Sandquist, Ms. LeBeau, Mrs. Boldt, Mrs. White, and Mrs. Marshall. We will receive resources and support from the SD Office of Indian Education in terms of implementing the Oceti Sakowin Essential Understandings (OSEU), working with their Wóokiye Teachers to establish professional development needs that are in line with the Wóokiye professional development plan, facilitating a professional development event in our district, and participating in surveys from the Office of Indian Education. Our team will also develop a school wide OSEU plan for all grades in our school district.

Superintendent Martin also referenced that Timber Lake School was approved to participate in the *Meals To You* program through Baylor University. Families that are eligible for free and reduced priced meals could sign up for this program online or call the main office. The program offers lunches through June 30, 2020 which will be delivered by mail. Michelle DuBray offered to post the program information on the Native American Education Committee's Facebook page.

Sincerely,



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