

# **Timber Lake School District No. 20-3**

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Dissemination of October 11, 2023: Community Input/Tribal Consultation Meeting

Timber Lake School District held our Community Input Meeting/Tribal Consultation meeting in the school theatre. We had 16 in attendance with 7 school personnel, 4 school board members, 2 CRST Tribal Council Representatives (1 is also a parent), 1 parent, 1 newspaper representative, and the CRST Education Agency Director, Dr. Cherie Farlee.

Multiple topics were discussed during the tribal consultation and community input meeting:

- CRST representatives stated the current method to communicate through physical letters and/or email is good.
- Mr. Martin reviewed the Native American Participation in both academic and co-curricular activities. The Native American Education Coordinator, Mrs. Sandquist, explained some of the future strategies the school will implement to increase Native American student participation in identified areas.
- Mr. Martin also discussed Mrs. Farlee's efforts in connecting schools on the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. These efforts would allow schools to be informative and collaborative between each other.
- Mrs. A. Hermes reviewed her handout concerning the Timber Lake School's federal funding.
- A CRST Council Member shared their concerns about the current teacher shortage and the possibility of extending bus routes outside the district. Timber Lake School discussed its process to grow teachers with paraprofessionals through the State program, "Teacher Apprenticeship Pathway" and the student club, "Educators Rising".
- A CRST Council Member also discussed a new collaboration between the CRST Roads Committee and Dewey County Commission as they seek Federal Funding for Road Construction. The possible road enhancements include Red Top Hill to Promise and Timber Lake to White Horse are vital for the future. In recent years, the state of these gravel roads has deteriorated significantly, causing inconvenience, safety hazards, and economic setbacks for our communities.

The Timber Lake School District appreciates those who were able to attend and their input.

Sincerely,

Dan Martin

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