

**COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 28, 2005**

PRESENT: **BOARD OF EDUCATION:** Ms. Street Stewart, Chair; Mr. Brodrick, Ms. Carroll, Ms. Carter, Mr. Oertwig, Ms. Kong-Thao

Unable to attend: Mr. Conlon

STAFF: Dr. Patricia Harvey

OTHERS: Janice LaFloe, Kathy Denman-Wilke, Jack Mills

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Ms. Street-Stewart, Committee Chair.

II. AGENDA

Ms. Street-Stewart introduced the items on the agenda for this meeting, which were:

- **National Indian Education Association's NCLB Information Request**
- **Graduation Scheduling**

1. National Indian Education Association's NCLB Information Request

Ms. Street-Stewart asked for a moment of silence to recognize and support the Red Lake community, the students and their families, after the terrible tragedy that happened at the high school on the Red Lake Reservation.

Ms. Street-Stewart introduced Kathy Denman-Wilke, American Indian Education Program Supervisor, and Janice LaFloe, Chair, American Indian Education Program. Ms. Denman-Wilke and Ms. LaFloe's presentation included information on the 2003-2004 Resolution and Recommendations of the Parent Committee of the Saint Paul Public Schools American Indian Education Program and the SPPS Administration response; a document on the American Indian Student Data for the Saint Paul Public Schools Indian Education Program, and the American Indian Education Program's 30 Year Memory Book made possible by a grant from the Two Feathers Foundation. (These documents were distributed to committee members).

Ms. LaFloe discussed the American Indian Education Program Resolution and Recommendations document that include:

- Recruitment and Retention of the American Indian Staff
- Parent Involvement
- Student Attendance
- Student Placement
- Curriculum
- Student Achievement

Ms. LaFloe commented that good progress had been made in addressing recruitment and retention of American Indian staff, student placement, and student achievement. Ms. Denman-Wilke continued the presentation and discussed parent involvement in the schools.

The Committee discussion included:

- The Indian Options Program – Recruitment and Curriculum issues
- No Child Left Behind Act - The effects as it relates to the federal funding of the Indian Education Program Title VII grant, etc.
- Site Councils - Recruiting Native American parents
- District Grant Writing - a collaboration to include Native American perspective

2. Graduation Scheduling

Ms. Street-Stewart distributed the 2005 Graduation schedule and assigned each board member the high school(s) where they would participate in the graduation ceremonies.

III. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. by Ms. Street-Stewart, Committee Chair.

Respectfully submitted by
Diana J. Sanders
Recorder
Saint Paul Board of Education