

Lakota Studies DDN for 10-15-2010

Robert Two Crows called the meeting to order at 8:10.
Introductions of the Lakota coaches were made.

Mike is out due to a death in the family. The Lakota coaches Maggie and Mechelle will do presentations today. Questions will be held until after the presentations.

Wolf Creek teachers will leave at 8:30 to go to class.

Attendees: Christene Hicks, Lee Monnens, Mechelle Iron Cloud, Eileen ?, Ginny Muller, Peggy Link, Carol Siegar, Amy Wlaton, Amanda Lefler, Cindy ?, Lucy Vassu, Kirt Anderson, Juliana Arserio, Maggie Stephanie W?, Tara ?, Tiffany Weston, Donnel E?, Cheryl , Gina Cunningham, Bonnie Hoyt, Marge White Bear Claws, Mary

In regards to math Maggie tells us that addressing time to the students needs to be explained in regards of where the language originated. The word for clock is new. There was not a clock so this word is new. Different words have been used to describe time. Seasons were used to give a reference to time.

Audio CD's have been made for the schools and can be downloaded to the teachers computers for use in the classroom.

There are pod cast available and there will be different aid for speaking the language available to the teachers.

Mechelle is presenting and tells us that she has a pod cast available for the calendar that will help teaches with numbers to twenty and months of the year. The Lakota language textbook and the flash cards will be given out.

She read the first page of the story "Ten Little Rabbits". As you are reading the book if you will use the Lakota numbers you can incorporate the language while teaching the numbers. There are flash cards for multiplication, division and addition.

Mike was going to talk about shapes, since he is not in. Maggie said that he made a list of the shapes with the Lakota language. These are available on the Pod cast to the teachers.

You will be given a drop down box that will ask you how are you integrating the language into the lessons.

Juliana asked why Lakota was not the main language in a classroom. Because of scheduling there is limited time to teach in just the Lakota language that is why they chose to integrate the language.

The coach is not usually there to help the teachers with the language.

Mary in Batesland said their needs to be a Professional Development for Lakota studies. Maggie said that it is noted and they are working on this in the district.

Robert said that teachers are not qualified to teach the language and should not try. They are required to bring in words into the lessons. Because of funding we cannot have the number of coaches that we need but we are doing the best that we can and this is all that is being asked of the teachers. The coaches could be moved to the location that has the greatest need that is why they are talking to the teachers. The coaches are trying to support the teachers better and this has been brought to the administrations attention.

Maggie wrapped up the meeting telling us that the first DDN may seem a little awkward today but it will get better as we move along. Shannon County website has the pod cast available now.

Mechelle reminded us that we are teaching the language for the benefit of the students. We are educating the whole child not just he math and language.

The consensus for the meeting was it was a success. The teachers are looking forward to future meetings.

E-mail the website for the pod cast to all the teachers.