EMBRACING DIVERSITY



Chamberlain School District 7-1

October, 2015

SPECIAL POINT OF INTEREST

Task Force information reviewed at Oct. 26 school board meeting.



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School Board Meeting/JOM/Updates

Task Force Follow Up at Oct. 26 School Board Meeting

Some of the items requested to be reviewed in the CSD either by the <u>School Board</u> or <u>Administration</u> included:

- I) KMJ Policy
- 2) Liaison
- 3) Dakota/Lakota Language Teachers
- 4) Paying of Parents for Mileage/Busing
- 5) School Board Meeting Locations
- 6) Informing NA Parents of Decisions

- 6) Including Comments in Board Minutes
- 8) Meeting of Task Force
- 9) Culturally Diverse Questions on Surveys
- 10) McKinney Vento, Homeless

PARENT INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES for the 2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR

The CSD will continue to offer opportunities for parents to be involved in their child's education. Some of the activities planned include A) conferences at

Ft. Thompson for those parents who may have missed those scheduled in Chamberlain.

- B) Title I Family Night... Last year a Science Night, along with a supper, were held. Fifty-one students and parents were in attendance along with 10 CSD staff members. The district will be looking at another similar family night this year.
- C) The Johnson O'Malley summer school program has always been a success and this program will continue in 2015-16.



WoLakota Project/Native American Day

WoLakota Project

An after-school professional development session was held for K-I2 teachers to update and remind staff members of the WoLakota Project web-site. There are many interviews with Lakota Elders that teachers could use in their classrooms. Additional sessions will be held.

Native American Day

Native American Day was held on Oct. 12 with individual classrooms providing activities and lessons that centered around the Native American culture. Some students visited the Akta Lakota Museum, others discussed the topics using the WoLakota elder

videos, and others participated in literature/story experiences.

Code Talkers Honored

Two elementary students have a grandpa who was honored by the State of SD as a code-talker.