

Crazy Horse School

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Dear Parents, Grandparents, and Community Members,

Due to recent issues involving Crazy Horse School, we, as the CHS School Board and Administration, want to take this opportunity to update you on these two important items:

Concerns presented to Education Committee:

On June 20, concerns regarding Crazy Horse School were submitted to the OST Education Committee. Following this discussion, the Education Committee made a motion to recommend to the Council that the Board and selected staff members be suspended and an investigation addressing the concerns be conducted. On June 21, Mr. Tyler Yellow Boy, Education Committee Chairperson and Ms. Dayna Brave Eagle, Tribal Education Director, met with Crazy Horse Staff to address the concerns that were brought forth. The OST Tribal Council met on June 28, at which time the recommendation from the Education Committee was to be considered, since only the Tribal Council can suspend personnel. No School Board member or employee had been suspended due to the concerns that were presented to the Education Committee on June 20th. Following the Executive Session, the Tribal Council passed a motion that included the following action:

1. The OST Education Committee will contact an outside investigator to review the NASIS process, especially to review transcripts and grading practices (NASIS stands for Native American Student Information System and is the system schools use to track enrollment, grades, attendance, behaviors, etc.)
2. CHS is required to post school board meeting dates and agendas in conspicuous places throughout the community
3. The OST Education Committee will contact an outside consultant to work with the school and community to mediate concerns and issues
4. No person or group will be retaliated against for participating in these meetings
5. The School Board will review current school policies and procedures to ensure they are current and readily available for staff, parents, students, and community members

When CHS receives the OST Tribal Council meeting minutes, those minutes will be made available at the School. The CHS School Board and staff are continuing to work with the OST Education Committee to carry out the directives included in the motion. CHS is committed to strengthening and maintaining a positive school/community partnership to address concerns in an effective manner as they arise and to strengthening and maintaining a healthy environment in which to learn and work.

Firearms Incident on CHS Grounds:

Due to the ongoing investigation of this incident and confidentiality laws, we are limited as to what we can share with you at this time. No one was injured during this incident. Law enforcement and CHS staff handled this situation in an efficient and professional manner. We are reviewing our campus safety protocols and will be initiating additional safeguards and security measures immediately. We are continuing to advertise for a full-time night security officer as well as upgrading our technology resources and initiating additional staff training. Incidents involving weapons and/or violence are serious and not just a "school problem." These situations will take all of us working together to provide not only a safe school environment, but a safe community.

The CHS School Board and staff are committed to working closely with all parents, grandparents, guardians, and community members to create a strong school/community partnership for the children we serve.

Signed: Monica Rattling Hawk, Richard Meyers, Avril Livermont, Sue Yellow Elk, Valerie Adams, and Margo Heinert