

Voyd St. Pierre, Superintendent  
Rocky Boy School District

Monthly Report for October 2019  
Rocky Boy Head Start/Early Head Start  
Duane Gopher, Director

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The following are highlights for the month of October 2019

- Attended a meeting on 10/2/19 with some of our staff and State Folks that included: Denielle Miller and Jennifer Darlington who are employed under contract with the OPI. Since I was considered 'new', I just sat in and observed for the most part. They discussed about the upcoming 'OWL' Assessments for the children. As of November 8, 2019; most of the classroom assessments were completed for the 1<sup>st</sup> round. The biggest issue has been that not all of the kids are being assessed due to being absent when the assessments are done.
- Sat in on a Webinar from the Federal Head Start Program that was titled "Webinar for New Directors Part 2 of 7" The webinar itself talked about building positive relationships with fellow coworkers and how to be a 'leader', etc. Purely informative.
- Finally got registered on the ACF Website on October 8, 2019. I had to submit a late head count. The number of 3-4 year olds is 110; and 0-2 year olds is at 88. We are 41 less kids than what we were funded for. The low numbers are primarily due to having two classrooms closed (one at the Bonneau site for 4-5 year olds and one at the main Head Start Building for 3-4 year olds).
- Sat in on Conference call with Program Specialist Roxanne Wells on October 10, 2019. She indicated that there was a 'finding' with the 2018 site visit as it pertained to not having enough qualified teachers. This 'finding' was addressed as the educators, currently and at that time, were signed up to get their Associate Degrees with the Stone Child College. This will be a constant issue to deal with. Roxanne is going to assist us with a 'Staff Development Plan' for all educators in the EHS, this will be an on-going work in progress. During this time we also discussed the amount of money that has not been spent for the 5<sup>th</sup> and final year of a five year funding cycle. This is still in the works. We are going to set up a conference call with Lula and her program specialists that deal with finances for the week of November 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Also on 10/10/2019; we were requested by you to do the Johnson O'Malley numbers. You gave us a deadline of October 22, 2019 to have all the numbers requested broken down classroom by classroom. I turned in everything on Wednesday, October 23, 2019.
- Sat in on Parent Advisory Committee (hereafter referred to as 'PAC') meeting on October 14, 2019. The following Committee Members were present: Laurie Sunchild, Serene Sunchild, Jesse Jones and Tiffany Houle. The main purpose of the meeting was

to go over the screening of the proposed new hires which included: Janet Chase and OcKayla Frank as Educators for EHS and Kelcey Standing Rock for part time bus monitor. The PAC also looked at accepting resignations for Monica Morsette, Manual Sanchez and Kim Big Knife. The subsequent RB School Board meeting on October 15, 2019 did the recommended hires and accepted the resignations for the three that requested it.

- October 16, 2019; sat in conference call with Susan Hale (RJS & Associates) and Linda DiBrito for purposes of looking at the 2020 Head Start Grant Application. There were two recommended changes made by the funding Agency. These suggested changes centered on looking at the Assessment Data (DIAL and OWL) and how they tied in with the Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) plan for our educators and teachers. The changes were made and submitted to Lula on October 29, 2019.
- October 23, 2019; sat in on AIMs (data base from Montana Office of Public Instruction) on-line training. Training was scheduled for 10 AM to 2PM. Training abruptly ended about 12:45 PM due to mass power outage in Helena. Needless to say, I followed up with the trainers and got additional passwords needed for the Website. We are, as part of the State grant requirements, to have all our 3-4 years in the AIM system by no later than 12/1/2019. As for November 11, 2019 we have just a few of the kids in the system.
- October 25, 2019; attended meeting with the Stone Child folks. The following people were present: Kaydene Drummer, Wilma Tyner, Josette Coffee and Brenda Azure. Essentially we went over the Education Plans for the following folks: Jeff Rodriguez, Samantha Demontiney, Kayla Frank, and Delia Morsette.
- October 30, 2019: had unexpected visit from Bill The Boy from the Rocky Boy Clinic. Bill showed to do an annual ‘Safety’ Inspection. He made it clear he wasn’t there to ‘shut us down’ but rather point out safety concerns. Again, I told him to point out his findings. He is to get back to us by mid-November with all of his findings.
- Had Conference call with TTA Provider Gilbert Gonzalez and Amanda Ramos. It was initially reported to Gilbert that we had 1.2 million to spent, but the amount got corrected to \$586,589. Regardless, I have additional hoops to jump through to get the okay to spend these monies elsewhere. I am in the works of doing this. I have a conference call scheduled for the week of November 12, 2019 to get the ‘yes’ or the ‘no’ on doing this. I will keep you in the loop.

-This concludes my monthly report for October 2019.

-Submitted on November 11, 2019

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Date