

December 11, 2014

Agenda Item: Discussion - Grand Ronde Relationship



Purpose: To provide the board an update on district communications with the Grand Ronde Tribe.

Background:

The board identified members to conduct outreach to Grand Ronde Tribal leadership, developing a relationship with the Banded Tribes of Grand Ronde. This is important as our community and school district namesake (Molalla) is one of the banded tribes. Board members involved are Linda Eskridge, Ralph Gierke and Craig Loughridge.

In a recent discussion with the Executive Coordinator for Tribal Council, Stacia Martin, she explained the tribe's ongoing willingness to continue developing a relationship with the school district. To this end, the following steps are in motion:

1 – Members of the Board committee are asked to provide Missy Wesley with their availability for upcoming meetings with Tribal Leadership. We intend to host the next meeting with the two groups here in our district.

2 - For the purpose of providing students with culturally relevant, historically accurate information about the experiences of Native Americans in Oregon, especially the Molalla, the district has materials developed by the Grand Ronde Tribe with support from Oregon Department of Education. We are reviewing the material for use in our classrooms and will be in discussion with 4th grade teachers this spring. More information will be shared with the board at a later time as we learn prepare for implementation and any related guidance/training from Tribal education consultants.