



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 98-116
of the
SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is the Governing Body of the Squaxin Island Tribe, its members, its lands, its enterprises and its agencies by the authority of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Squaxin Island Tribe, as approved and adopted by the General Body and the Secretary of the Interior on July 8, 1965; and,

WHEREAS, under the Constitution, Bylaws and inherent sovereignty of the Tribe, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is charged with the duty of protecting the health, security, education and general welfare of the tribal members, and with protecting and managing the lands and treaty resources and rights of the Tribe; and,

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council has been entrusted with the creation of ordinances and resolutions in order to fulfill their duty of protecting the health, security, education, and general welfare of tribal members, and of protecting and managing the lands and treaty resources of the Tribe; and,

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is interested in life-long education, has inherent authority over education, and sees formal education as a means to preserve, protect, strengthen, and perpetuate the Tribe; and,

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is interested in life-long education, has inherent authority over education, and sees formal education as a means to prepare tribal members for life on and off the Reservation; and,

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council finds that the current achievement levels, graduation rates, attendance rates, and drop out rates for tribal students indicate severe educational problems and thereby threaten their future and the future of the Tribe; and,

WHEREAS, there is no existing comprehensive process for coordinating the resources on the Reservation to monitor and improve formal education systems; and,


WHEREAS, the purpose of this Ordinance is to establish a Tribal Education Commission to serve the Tu Ha' Buts Learning Center under the authority designated by the Tribal Council; the Commission will work with all aspects of education to ensure that it is effective, appropriate, and relevant to preparing students for their future, and to assist the Tribe in exercising self-determination and self-government consistent with its heritage.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council hereby establishes a Tribal Education Commission that will assist the Tribal Government in exercising its sovereign rights and responsibility to provide for education that protects tribal members and perpetuates the Tribe.

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CERTIFICATION

The Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at the regular meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, held on this 17th day of December, 1998, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 4 for and 0 against with 0 abstentions.



Dave Whitener, Sr., Chairman

Attested by: Sue McFarlane
Sue McFarlane, Secretary



Cal Peters, Vice Chairman

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL

Ordinance Establishing the Squaxin Island Education Commission

Chapter is added to the Squaxin Island Tribal Code, to read as follows:

Sections:

- 00.00.010 Title, Effective Date, and Statutory Authority.
- 00.00.020 Establishment of Education Commission.
- 00.00.030 Commission's Purpose.
- 00.00.040 Definitions.
- 00.00.050 Membership.
- 00.00.060 Term of Office.
- 00.00.070 Organization and Procedures.
- 00.00.080 Exceptions.
- 00.00.090 Powers and Responsibilities.

00.00.010 Title, Effective Date, and Statutory Authority.

This Ordinance shall be known as the "Education Commission Establishment Ordinance" of the Squaxin Island Tribe. This Ordinance shall become immediately effective upon enactment of an adopting resolution by the Squaxin Island Tribal Council. The Education Commission is established under authority of the Commissions and Committees Policy Ordinance, Section 1. (Res. 98-45)

00.00.020 Establishment of Education Commission.

There is hereby established the Squaxin Island Education Commission to serve the Tu Ha' Buts Learning Center with the authority delegated by the Squaxin Island Tribal Council. The Commission shall continue to exist until dissolved by the Tribal Council. (Section 2, Commissions and Committees Policy Ordinance)

00.00.030 Commission's Purpose.

- A. The Squaxin Island Education Commission is organized to:
 - 1. Provide formal representation for all eligible students (Preschool through Higher Education) participating in educational programs.
 - 2. Act in a joint capacity with the Tu Ha' Buts Learning Center in program planning, development, approving operation (public hearings), and evaluation.
 - 3. Assist staff, faculty, and administration in providing quality educational programming.

4. Participate on the hiring committee pertaining to education staff, to include the review of qualifications and make recommendations concerning applicants for these positions.
5. Meet on a regular basis to promote parental, student, and tribal involvement in public education by providing an effective link between the community and educational agencies.
6. Represent the Commission at regional, state, and/or national meetings as determined beneficial.
7. Determine and grant monetary awards assisting community members to reach their educational goals (Reference Higher Education Policies and Procedures for eligibility).

00.00.040 Definitions.

Unless the context specifically indicates otherwise, the meaning of terms used in this Ordinance shall be as follows:

- A. "Commission" means the Squaxin Island Education Commission.
- B. "Commissioners" means the members of the Squaxin Island Education Commission appointed by the Squaxin Island Tribal Council.
- C. "Kamilche Community" means residents residing on the Kamilche Peninsula in Mason County, Washington and Thurston County, Washington.
- D. "Shall" means mandatory actions that must be undertaken.
- E. "Tribal Community," for the purposes of this Ordinance, shall include, but shall not necessarily be limited to Squaxin Island Tribal members.
- F. "Tribal Council" means the Squaxin Island Tribal Council.

00.00.050 Membership.

A. The Commission shall be composed of eight persons appointed by the Tribal Council. One person shall be a secondary student, one person shall be a higher education student, five will be selected from the general Tribal community and one Tribal Council representative will be appointed. Members of the Commission shall be known as Education Commissioners. (Section 8, Commissions and Committees Policy Ordinance)

00.00.060 Term of Office.

All Commission Members, except the Student Representatives, shall serve for a period of three years. Secondary and higher education Student Representatives will serve for one year each. The term of office expires upon swearing in of a newly appointed Commissioner. (Section 10, Commissions and Committees Policy Ordinance)

00.00.070 Organization and Procedures.

A. The Commission will act within its own bylaws, and in conjunction with Sections 11 through 24 of the Commissions and Committees Policy Ordinance. (Res. 98-45)

00.00.080 Exceptions.

- A. Each member of the Commission shall be an enrolled Squaxin Island Tribal Member.

00.00.090 Powers and Responsibilities

The Education Commission shall provide oversight of the Tu Ha' Buts Learning Center, assist in the development of policies that govern education programs, make recommendations to Tribal Council for adoption, and participate with staff in planning and monitoring programs. To fulfill these responsibilities, the Commission shall have the power to:

- A. To participate fully in all aspects of planning, development, implementation, and evaluation of all educational programs, including supplemental and operational support.
- B. Be directly involved in all Tu Ha' Buts Learning Center Programs.
- C. Recommend appropriate action to the Squaxin Island Tribal Council.
- D. Evaluate performance and program results.
- E. Exercise authority delegated by Tribal Council (e.g., monetary awards).
- F. Review existing Tribal ordinances and codes potentially affected by Commission policy development and recommend amendments to these ordinances and codes to the Tribal Council as appropriate to assure consistency between the codes and ordinances and the Tu Ha' Buts Learning Center programs. These ordinances and codes include, but are not limited to:
 - 1. The Education Commission Ordinance
 - 2. The Squaxin Island Tribal Truancy Code
- G. Implementation of ordinances and codes will be monitored by the Commission to ensure consistency and compliance.