

# Teachers Notes

## Colville Tribal Government

### Outline of powerpoint

Hello Teachers! The notes below will explain each slide in depth for you to use in your classrooms. If you have any questions I will attach resources for you to look at!

#### Slide 3- Tribal Greetings

#### Slide 5- What is a tribe?

- A brief definition of what a tribe is, here you can go more in depth if you would like. This is for students to get an idea of what the term means.

#### Slide 6- Colville Tribe

- This slide is designed for students to relate to the term "tribe." There are some facts on the Colville tribe including tribes aboriginal territories, enrolled members (this also includes descendants), and how many languages are spoken.
  - Some other topics to talk about is the geography of which the aboriginal territories are located, especially along the Columbia River.
  - Since there are so many tribes, 4 dialects are spoken by the CCT. This is the Okanogan dialect (San Poil, Nespelem, Okanogan, Lakes, Colville, Methow), Moses-Columbia (Chelan, Entiat, Wenatchee, Moses-Columbia), titoqatimt (Nez Perce), and paluspam (Palus).

#### Slide 8- What is a Chief?

- A brief description of what a Chief is. Before the modern government, each of the 12 tribes had their own chief that represented the people. This was passed down to the eldest son, if the chief did not have a son then it would get passed down to the eldest daughter's husband.
- Even though the Chiefs were mainly men, women still held high positions in which Chiefs would consult with the women as well.
- There is also a list of characteristics in which a Chief should exhibit.

#### Slide 9- Chiefs

- These are the last known Chiefs recorded by the Colville Tribe. Each is separated in their languages and neighboring tribes.
  - Blue- Moses-Columbia dialect
  - Yellow- Okanogan dialect
  - Bright red- titoqatimt
  - Maroon- paluspam

#### Slide 11- What is a Government?

- Again a brief description of what the term means, followed by 3 sections in which how the CCT government is broken down.

- First Colville Business Council- These officials are elected into office and help the community by creating resolutions that will benefit the tribe.
- Second Everybody has a role- Without the CCT membership and workers providing services nothing would get done. CBC hears proposals from departments to create resolutions.
- Third Districts- In total the tribe has 1.4 million acres with approx. 10,000 tribal members, to ensure the needs are being met of all CCT membership the tribe is split into 4 districts.

#### **Slide 12 Government Structure**

- Teachers may interpret this slide however they may choose.
- This slide is designed to show how the CCT government is structured. It's split into 5 divisions each with their own program director followed by the different programs/services offered by the tribe.
- This is important to cover for "Slides 18 & 19."
  - 18 & 19 are about committees. Committees are based on the different divisions the tribe has.

#### **Slide 14 4 Districts**

- Moving onto a more modern government, the Colville reservation is split into 4 districts: Omak, Nespelem, Keller, and Inchelium.
- There are a total of 14 councilmen that represent the CCT and make up the Colville Business Council.
  - Omak- 4 representatives
  - Nespelem- 4 representatives
  - Inchelium- 4 representatives
  - Keller- 2 representatives (this is because Keller is the smallest district)

#### **Slide 15 Who is the Colville Business Council**

- CBC serves 2 yr terms and is voted on by the CCT membership
- The Colville Business Council oversees a multi-million dollar corporation that employs 900-1200 people. Their job is to establish policies/resolutions that improve the economic condition of the tribe.

#### **Slide 16 Meet the CBC**

- Nespelem District Reps (in order of presentation)
  - Sharlene Zacherle
  - Andy Joseph Jr.
  - Alison Boyd-Ball
  - Jarred Michael-Erickson (Chairman)
- Omak District Reps
  - Norma Sanchez
  - Virgil "Smoker" Marchand
  - Karen Condon
  - Dustin Best
- Inchelium District Reps
  - Roger Finley

- Cody Peone
- Tyler Zacherle-Boyd
- Cindy Marchand
- Keller District Reps
  - Jack Ferguson (Vice Chair)
  - Joseph Somday
- Article I—The Business Council Section 1—Chairman of the Business Council: The Chairman of the Business Council shall preside over all meetings of the Business Council. He shall perform all duties of the Chairman and exercise authority delegated to him by the Business Council. He shall vote only in the case of a tie. Section 2—Vice-Chairman of the Business Council: The Vice-Chairman of the Business Council shall assist the Chairman when called upon to do so. In the absence of the Chairman, he shall preside. When so presiding, he shall have the rights, privileges and duties, as well as the responsibilities of the Chairman.

#### Slide 18 Committee

- Last definition of the powerpoint.
- Committees are made up of the different divisions in the tribe. Every 2 yrs council members are elected in June of that year and are sworn in in July. Positions are alternated each year so council members can maintain constant presence.
- At the swearing in ceremony, Chairman and Vice Chairman are elected but also each committee is appointed a representative that will oversee that committee during their term.
- Committee meetings are held the 1st & 3rd full week of each month. Here CBC will consider budgets/proposals to be approved as well as any issues that need to be addressed.

#### Slide 19 Committees

- There are 11 committees that CBC oversees. Again each committee has their own council representative.
  - Committees
    - Law enforcement, Health and Human Services, Education and Employment, Natural Resources, Fisheries, Veterans, Community Development, Management and Budget, Tribal Government, Language, and Specials

#### Slide 20 Council and Committees

- CBC has designated days for each committee, a representative needs to be present .
  - The CBC that oversees that particular committee is on the left hand side and if the 1st council rep is absent, then the 2nd council rep will take over, located on the right side.

**Slide 21 This will conclude the presentation! Thank you for your time to learn about the Colville Tribal Government!**