

Minutes

Indian Education Parent Advisory Committee

March 9, 2021 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

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A. Call to order: meeting called to order at 6:04 pm

B. Roll call observed

Members present: James Gensaw, Matt Conley, Linda Gillette, Hilary Manion, Kristin Sobilo, Leo Canez (joined during the discussion on the decision of use Title VI of funds).

Members absent: Bella Vigil

Program Staff present: Mary Leipzig, Shawna Morales, Tayler Fant

Program Staff absent: Rachel Bass

Guests: Rain Marshall, Devin Penner

C. Announcement of a quorum: quorum present

D. Public Questions or Comments (speakers are limited to three minutes each)

- Rain Marshall announced two [webinars](#) scheduled for March 16th and 25th.
- Devin Penner, HSU Social Work Intern, joined to learn how to be a support and ally to the Indian Education community.

E. Reading, or waiver thereof, and approval of the [minutes](#) of the previous meeting.

- Hilary moved to approve the minutes with a note added that the PAC did not review the Native American Report Card. Matt seconded the motion. No discussion, motion passed.

F. Approval of the agenda of the current meeting

- James informed the PAC that moving forward Program Staff Reports would be provided in writing prior to the meetings rather than verbal reports being delivered in an effort to save time.
- Linda moved to approve the current agenda. Hillary seconded. No discussion, motion carried.

G. Reports of PAC members

- Kristin expressed great pleasure that students have returned to campus for in-person instruction.
- James reported that while his students returned to campus on March 2nd, he just returned after having a surgery. He acknowledged Rachel Bass for being in class with his students while he was out and shared that he feels more effective teaching in person.

H. Program Staff Reports

- Linda expressed appreciation for the format of the Program Staff Reports.
- James noted that a consistent theme in the reports is the challenge of scheduling time with students. Michael confirmed that this is something program staff are consistently working on.

I. Old or unfinished business

- Decisions on use of Title VI funds - [current expenses and proposed expenditures](#)
 - Hilary moved to purchase a backpack, mask, and hand sanitizer for students K-12. Linda seconded the motion, with the stipulation that the winning student logo design be on the mask. Natalie confirmed that purchasing a mask with the student designed logo was allowable with Title VI funds. After further discussion on the allowability of supplying hand sanitizer with Title VI funds and safety of handing it directly to students, the PAC made the determination to exclude it. Natalie confirmed that 378 eligible Indian Education students are currently enrolled in the District. The PAC determined that the overall cost of 378 backpacks for all eligible students, along with a mask would be more than what they were willing to expend. Hilary decided to amend her motion.
 - Hilary moved to expend up to \$12,000 on backpacks with the student created Indian Education logo. Linda seconded the motion. Further discussion was had on whether or not this would expend the remaining funds in the budget. It was clarified that there would still be some funds remaining due to the cushion built into the proposed cost of Zoom related equipment. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Linda moved to budget up to \$2000 for program staff to spend on materials, books, and other supplies that would support enrichment activities and instruction

for Native American students. Kristin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- Update on cost of monthly meeting reminders: there is an approximated cost of \$600 to mail reminders out to the 269 Indian Education families for the April, May, and June meetings.
- Update on the use of Zoom as the meeting platform: Michael stated that the District is looking into the purchase of Zoom and related equipment. The PAC may not need to expend as much on Zoom related costs, although a range of \$2000 - \$5000 has been suggested.
- Report on the availability of HSU clubs for creating sashes and estimated cost: At this moment there are 39 8th grade students and 32 seniors. A total of 71 sashes will be purchased. Leo to report back at the next meeting about the availability of HSU students. Leo asked that the District send him a commitment via email of the dollar amount the PAC has budgeted for the sashes.
- Indian Education logo contest details and the allowability of scholarship to winning student: Natalie had a conversation with the District's grant liaison and found that scholarships are not allowable. In place of a scholarship, the PAC may pay registration fees associated with training, college preparation, and/or enrichment experiences.
- Report on Indian Education Facebook page - tabled until the next meeting.
- Review Findings in [Native American Report Card](#) - tabled until the next meeting. Michael asked that Rain join again to facilitate the discussion.

J. New Business

- Discussion regarding prayer at PAC meetings:
 - James stated that he would like to have the Zoom meetings opened 10 minutes prior to the PAC meeting to allow time for prayer. Additionally, he suggested a Land Acknowledgement at the start of the meetings.
 - Leo requested that prayer occur during the PAC meeting, not before. Leo further stated that there are some people in the meetings that do not have respect for the Native American community and that the wishes of the Native American community supersede that of the Federal Government.
 - Leo moved to start every PAC meeting with a prayer. Motion failed due to lack of second.
 - James moved to open the Zoom 10 minutes early for those who choose to come and pray and then to start the PAC meeting with a Land Acknowledgement. Hillary seconded the motion. Leo requested that it be noted on record that the PAC refused to hold prayer during meetings. James responded that his Elders have told him that Native Americans do not pray in front of people, rather that prayer is private. Furthermore, his job as a teacher is not to force students to pray and the PAC does include students. Leo went on to say that to ignore and discount the Native American community and not allow prayer in the PAC meetings is disrespectful and wrong. He further stated that ECS is doing nothing but accepting money if the District won't accept prayer in meetings, and the District is potentially opening themselves up to lawsuits. Linda added that due to separation of church and state and the fact that students are present during PAC meetings she believed the District would be more at risk of lawsuits if prayer was included in PAC meetings.

Motion carried.

- Land Acknowledgement: Leo will reach out to individuals that can come for the Land Acknowledgement.

K. Adjournment: meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm

Meeting Norms - Indian Education PAC 2020-21

- Members shall show-up with an open mind and good intentions with a focus on supporting ECS Native American students and families
- Be prepared, stay on topic, and stick to the meeting agenda
- Be succinct, concrete, and explicit when speaking. Share airtime with others
- Begin and end on time
- Refrain from using cell phones or computers for checking email during meetings
- Before speaking, ask yourself, “is what I’m about to say going to add value to the work and the team or would it be better to address outside the meeting?”
- Listen to understand, and ask if you don’t understand
- Wait until the person speaking is finished before talking
- Disagree with ideas, not people
- For meetings held virtually via a video chat platform (Google Meet, Zoom), keep camera on whenever possible

Norms Approved by PAC on December 8, 2020