

# Indian Education Parent Advisory Committee

April 18, 2023- 6:00 pm  
District Office, Room 114  
2100 J Street, Eureka

## Minutes

- A. Call to order at 6:02pm
- B. Land Acknowledgement\*
- C. Roll call observed
  - Members: Chairperson - *Linda Gillette*, First Vice Chair - *Teresa McGinnis*, Second Vice Chair- *Kim Rhoads-Brooks*, Parent Representatives - *Shawna Morales & Cynthia Bones*, Student Representative - *Jewel Moon*, Admin Representative Elementary - *Kristin Sobilo*, Admin Representative High School - *Paul Claussen*, Teacher Representative - *Hilary Manion*
  - Members present: Chairperson- *Linda Gillette*, Parent Representatives - *Shawna Morales & Cynthia Bones*, Student Representative - *Jewel Moon*, Admin Representative Elementary - *Kristin Sobilo*, Admin Representative High School - *Paul Claussen*, Teacher Representative - *Hilary Manion*
  - Members absent: First Vice Chair - *Teresa McGinnis*, Second Vice Chair- *Kim Rhoads-Brooks*,
  - Program Staff present: Gary Storts, Jeanette Todd, Theresa Singh-Janklow, Shawna Morales, Mary Leipzig, Rachel Bass
  - Program Staff absent:
  - Guests: Missy Tripp (parent), Sonny Tripp (NCIDC), Alison Robbins (Blue Lake), Marley Chavez (Blue Lake), Karen Skoglund (Blue Lake/ NHUSD), Trisha Sanders (Site Staff), Susan Gher (EHS Parent), (multiple folks children were present),
- D. Announcement of a quorum with reference to [Article IV Section 2 of by-laws](#)
- E. Review of Meeting Norms
- F. Public Questions or Comments (speakers are limited to three minutes each)
- G. Approval of the agenda of the current meeting

*Shawna Morales moves to approve the current agenda*  
*Hilary Manion seconds the motion to approve*  
*Approved unanimously*

- H. New Business
  - Public Hearing, [Title VI-Indian Ed Public Hearing Presentation](#) - Prior to Part II of Grant, *presented by Assistant Superintendent, Gary Storts*
    - Q: Alison Robbins- where does career readiness fall in the 22-23 program goals
    - Sonny Tripp- Would like to see increase in academic achievement for 9th graders– A-G readiness

- Cynthia Bones- what is 10% of the school year? GS- 18 days of the school year
- Alison Robbins- of the amount of kids mentioned is there a particular age group that is missing more school than another
  - GS- Its a pretty even spread, but I would say high school and TK-K miss the most school days
- Sonny Tripp would like to track post secondary outcomes
  - Rachel Bass, makes the point that ECS does track secondary outcomes informally
- Marcela Gonzelez- Were there plans to reach out to other Tribes?
  - GS- these ones were specifically targeted
- Review and approve the [2023-2024 Title VI Draft Budget](#), and [Indian Parent Committee Approval Form](#), presented by Assistant Superintendent, Gary Storts
- PAC- How do we lobby for more Native positions?
- Hilary- we have the same amount of money we had last year- if we increase money for staff members- may we change it later? Our budget should be reflective of what we want to see happen, not what is happening currently.
- Marcela Chavez- in order to get more money from grants, we need to do more work- more grant funds will come with a higher project price tag

*Cynthia Bones- moves to approve the budget*

*Kristin Sobilo seconds the motion*

*Approved unanimously*

I. Items from the floor (speakers are limited to three minutes each)

- Karen Skoglund- CA Native Day Committee
  - Suggestion- to put it out to the Title VI families and ask them to participate
  - Kristin Sobilo- reach out to Sasheen at Cal Poly and ask how their recent event went
  - Trisha Sanders- use the Ag Fair as a model
  - Cynthia Bones (maybe), Karen Skoglund, Theresa McGuiness, Kim Bergel, Sonny Tripp, Hilary Manion (maybe)
  - Make banners- borrow the ones from Arcata High School
  - Look at all-county music festival model, get the Native students involved- some ownership and pride- teaching their class mates about their culture
  - “My Sisters” a graphic novel- classroom sets available- Alison Robins would be pleased to purchase more copies and shared or given out at/for the event (Theresa maybe NECEP could pay for

that) Alison will pay for some for sure- maybe not all. View them on the Blue Lake Rancheria website.

- Kristin Sobilo, I think this is worth the work! I think it would take 4 weeks.

- Linda Gillette- Staff Compensation - tabled

J. Adjournment

**Next meeting: Thursday, May 9, 2023**

Items for future meetings:

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**Land Acknowledgment:**

**"The Indian Education Parent Advisory Committee of Eureka City Schools acknowledges that the land on which Eureka City Schools sits is Wiyot ancestral land, and Humboldt is the unceded territory and traditional ancestral homeland of the Indigenous nations: Hupa, Karuk, Mattole, Tolowa, Wailaki, Wiyot, Yurok, and other original inhabitants of Humboldt County. We respect and share our gratitude to Indigenous communities. We thank and honor the original caretakers of this land that continues to be cherished and protected, as elders have instructed the young through generations."**

**Meeting Norms - Indian Education PAC 2022-23**

- 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