

Indian Education Parent Advisory Committee

December 12, 2023 - 6:00 PM

District Office, Room 114

2100 J Street, Eureka

Link to [Bylaws](#)

Minutes

1. Call to Order at 6:01pm

- Land Acknowledgement*- read aloud by Jewell Moon
- Roll Call Observed
- Members:
 - Chairperson: Linda Gillette- *Absent*
 - First Vice Chair: Susan Gehr- *Present*
 - Second Vice Chair: Melissa Defenbaugh- *Present*
 - Parent Representatives: Rachel Brakeman- *Present* & Cynthia Bones- *Present*
 - Student Representative: Jewell Moon- *Present*
 - Admin Representative: Paul Claussen- *Present*
 - Teacher Representative: Hilary Manion- *Present*
 - Non-Voting Members: Kristin Sobilo, Shawna Morales- *Present*
- Present: Sonny Tripp, June Bricco, Jennifer Johnson, Theresa Singh-Janklow, Autumn and Summer Morales, Bubba Riggins, Karen Skoglund

2. Announcement of a Quorum

- Reference to [Article IV, Section 2 of Bylaws](#)

3. Public Questions or Comments

- (Speakers are limited to three minutes each)
- *Sonny Tripp- Thanks Shawna Morales for making the school year begin in a positive way and for her long tenure in the local Native American community.*
- *Sonny Tripp- Shares that he visited a National conference and shared the positive work being done at ECS, which is an example of how other groups in the State should operate.*

4. Reading or Waiver Thereof, and Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes

- [Draft Minutes, Indian Education Meeting November 14, 2023](#)

Cynthia Bones moves to approve the minutes

Hilary Manion seconds the motion

Approved unanimously

5. Approval of the Agenda of the Current Meeting

Hilary Manion makes a motion to approve the agenda of the current meeting

Rachel Brakeman seconds the motion

Approved unanimously

6. Reports from PAC Members

- [Indian Education Program Staff Report](#)

7. Old or Unfinished Business

- Review and confirm, Eureka City Schools Regalia Use, Process and Policy. Committee update, *presented by Vice Chair Melissa 'Missy' Defenbaugh*
 - *Melissa Defenbaugh updates the committee that the meetings are on hold until January 2024. The inventory has been completed, the next step is to get a value on the items.*
 - *Incoming Superintendent, Gary Storts will follow up on the insurance quote for the regalia.*
 - *Incoming Superintendent Gary Storts discusses the big picture and hopes to train our Native Club students to use and present the regalia items to classmates and other ECS schools.*
 - *Incoming Superintendent, Gary Storts discussion on annual meaningful consultations with local Tribes. He asks the group if they want their input on how we want to use the regalia?*
 - *Melissa Defenbaugh, Karen Skoglund and Sonny Tripp agree that the authority over the regalia needs to stay with the Indian Ed Program and not with outside partners.*
 - *Melissa Defenbaugh recommends having an elder come in alongside the process.*
 - *Susan Gehr recommends reviewing the Klamath Trinity regalia loaning program.*

8. Bylaw Review, (added to monthly agenda, see minutes from October 10, 2023), presented by Vice Chair Susan Gehr

Discussion:

- *Cynthia Bones inquires about parent rep limits. What are the minimum and maximum terms? How would this affect our ratios for a quorum? She would also like to see the PAC look at how people are nominated.*
- *Susan Gehr- Ask if information on joining the PAC could be included with the 506 forms.*
- *Discussion of the re-vote for the Administrative Representative, presented by Vice Chair Susan Gehr*
 - *Cynthia Bones recommends that the bylaws should be revised to map out how each position is voted for- including specifically administrators. Article 5, item c- would be clarified to show how program staff make recommendations for administrative members which would be spelled out clearly.*

Melissa Defenbaugh makes a motion to extend the meeting by 10 minutes

Rachel Brakeman seconds the motion

Approved unanimously

- [Budget Review- proposal to purchase merchandise](#) (sweatshirts and t-shirts) for students, *presented by Shawna Morales and Jewell Moon.*
 - *Shawna Morales will return in January with a merchandise quote from a local vendor for the PAC's review and consideration.*

9. Items from the Floor

- (Speakers are limited to three minutes each)

Bubba Riggins, introduces himself as a youth coordinator for NCIDC. Bubba is looking to create a youth council at NCIDC soon.

10. Adjournment at 7:35pm

11. Upcoming Community Events:

23-24 SY Meetings:

September 12, 2023

October 10, 2023

November 14, 2023

December 12, 2023

January 9, 2024

February 13, 2024

March 12, 2024

April 9, 2024

May 14, 2024

June 11, 2024

Items for future meetings:

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:

- 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