



San Juan Unified School District
American Indian Education Program (AIEP)
Parent Advisory Committee Meeting (PAC)
Tuesday, April 2, 2025 6:00 - 7:00 PM
District Office Conference Room A



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| <p>Norms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Start and end on time ● Cells on Silent ● Stay on Topic ● Be respectful |
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Item	Topic	Facilitator	Outcome/Notes
I.	Opening/Call to Order (5 Minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Roll Call: Members, Guests, Staff ● Agree on Meeting Norms and times ● Sign in Sheet 	Bernadette Smith	
II.	Old Business (15 Minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Update on past events/Book Clubs ● Update on Effie Yeaw Nature Center 	Takoa Raney, PAC member	

Grant Goals Takoa Raney
2024-2025

<u>Goal</u>	<u>Outreach to Meet Goal</u>	<u>Where/How Often</u>	<u>Current Outcomes</u>	<u>Next Steps/Questions to Explore</u>
Increase Academic Achievement	Offer tutoring Sacramento State Native American College (NAC)-Application Deadline May 1, 2025	As needed/place of agreement with student and tutor Deadline to apply for current seniors May 1, 2025	Per Samantha, only one student requested tutoring. Tutor only clocking in 1 hour a month of service Currently 0 SJUSD applied/enrolled	



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	Outreach to current senior counselors to check if still on track for graduation and A-G eligibility	Veronica Ramirez, College and Career counselor SJUSD daily starting 3/21/email to counselors		
Increase Native American Language Instruction Programs				
Increase At-Risk Student Support	Personal student/family outreach Book Study evening Events Summer Native Wisdom Program	phone/email/visiting sites through Samantha/Veronica varied/in person June 23-July 18 (No School July 4). See Flyer.	Low-0 attendance, cancelled TBD	Review response for P.F. and review student responses in August to what kind of events they would like to have

Celebrating Culture Bernadette Smith

**These events/activities are not covered under grant funds, however we have creative ways to find funding.

<u>Event/Activity</u>	<u>When/Where</u>	<u>Needs</u>	<u>Next Steps</u>
Senior Celebration	5/30 Mesa Verde 6-8pm		



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IV.	Comments/Discussion (10 Minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Budget Defined ● New Grant Updates/Next Steps 	Bernadette Smith/Takoa Raney	
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V.	Adjournment	Bernadette Smith	
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Website: <https://www.sanjuan.edu/academics/indian-education>

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- The book study was not very successful, attendance was low. The remaining dates have been canceled. The group discussed ideas about why attendance was low.
- It would be good to get feedback from parents on why attendance was low and what kinds of activities they would like to see for the future. It was suggested that a survey be sent out to families to get their thoughts. Takoa will follow up on this.
- Bernadette highlighted the importance of communicating with families about program events. The lack of communication needs to be addressed.
- There are issues with contact information in Q and that is being worked on.
- One member suggested maybe these events be held on Friday evenings or weekends and that the information about the events be shared through the schools.
- One member asked about information on the student portal. Takoa explained that information about events is posted on the AIEP website and sent out via Mass Notification. The student portal is an internal system that is not for events.
- Takoa informed the group about Veronica, College and Career tech, who is now helping the AIEP program. She is communicating with the senior students to make sure they are on track to graduate and telling them about the Native American College at Sacramento state. The application deadline is May 1. Veronica is also helping with the slideshow for Senior Celebration.
- Takoa talked about the partnership with NAC.
- Takoa let the group know that Samantha, SCW, is currently out of office.



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- Bernadette discussed the potential Effie Yeaw field trip. Calvin spoke with Vince Lapena, and he is available. Bernadette will reach out to the center, would like to get a flyer sent out to invite families. She will let the district know by this Monday if April 26 will work. The group discussed moving the date to May, maybe May 17, 3, 24. Will have to check if Vince is available in May.
- The group talked about the Bullying Prevention event in February. There needs to be more communication out to the families about events so that there will be attendees.
- Tutoring: How do families know this is available? This information needs to be shared more.
- The group would like the AIEP facebook page to post updates and information. Takoa will follow up with Communication about social media options and who would manage them. Maybe use Talking Points.
- One member made the recommendation about having a Native American resource center at each school. Maybe flyers for events can be posted on bulletin boards at schools.
- One member talked about how her employer would like to make a donation. Takoa suggested that maybe the donation could be directed toward the Effie Yeaw field trip.
- Native American Language Instruction: Takoa will look at last year's Public Forum minutes for discussion of revising the language goal. One member made a suggestion about inviting tribes to talk about their languages.
- Bernadette talked about how we need to have three grant goals. The group would like to keep the goal of increasing academic achievement but would like to revise the language goal. They would like to maintain increase at-risk student support.
- Native Wisdom Summer Program: The goal is to have 40 participants. The flyer has been sent out digitally and will be sent out additional times. Veronica is also sharing the information and flyers with counselors.
- Bernadette talked about how to ensure cultural activities and events/programs can fit within grant funding requirements.
- The group will need to meet again for another PAC meeting in April in order to finalize and sign off on goals for the grant application.
- Bernadette suggested finding creative ways to have more cultural activities to see the effect on students' academic success and would like to have cultural events consistently every month or every other month.
- Motion to seat Donna back on as Elder Representative.
- Senior Celebration: Carmichael Elks Lodge can provide dinner at Senior Celebration (tacos and nachos). Estimated cost \$1,200 (includes food, labor, delivery, 1 server, no drinks). The speakers will be Professor Vayay and Dr. Reed, they will each speak for 20 minutes. Takoa reminded the group that service agreements are due April 30. The group



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needs to send vendor contact information to the district to work on the service agreements. The person who made the cake for last year's celebration is available to make one again this year. Bernadette suggested reusing decorations from past events, Takoa will look at what is stored at F3. There will be stoles for the seniors. The group would like to look at them and see if they want to bead them.

- The group was given the budget printouts to review.
- Takoa asked the group, how does voting in the PAC work? The group said voting can be conducted in person or via email.
- Bernadette motioned to have the two speakers be the speakers for the Senior Celebration, Lena seconded the motion.
- The group agreed to have Carmichael Elks Lodge provided the food. Maybe volunteers can help with serving the food.
- There are 9 seniors that are for sure attending the Senior celebration.