

Native Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

ASD Education Center
5530 Northern Lights Blvd., Blue Room

Wednesday, November 19, 2025
5:30-7:30 PM

I. Welcome and Introductions

Tasharla called the meeting to order at 5:54pm
Jennifer read the Land Acknowledgment.

II. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

Present

Absent

Staff

Guest

Paul Duny	Teresa Lowe	Jaime Galvan	Gabby Hernandez
Isabell Murry	Patricia Henry	Alexis Griffee	Elena Murry
Vlad Hernandez		Emily Baker	Colette Hopstad
Sammie Hernandez		Melonie-Anne Kastens	Olivia Murry
Jennifer M-C		Anthony Sadler	
Patrick Hopstad			
Tasharla Shaw			

A quorum was reached.

B. Approval of Agenda

Tasharla made a motion to add Anthony Sadler to the agenda. Patrick seconded. All in favor, non opposed. Motion carried

III. Anthony Sadler on Alaska Studies Curriculum

Anthony the Social Studies Curriculum Coordinator came in to discuss the improvements that are being made to the Alaska Studies Curriculum. Two standing committees that are in place to help advise and steer the development of the new curriculum. It is being modeled after the Hawaiian Studies Curriculum. Groups will meet two to three times a year. The primary function is to increase students belonging to the district. In turn increasing the graduation rate. Develop professional learning for teachers. Helping to provide time, resources and connections to teachers in the District. New teachers to the District tend to be new to the State of Alaska.

Jennifer talked about her experience working for the Heritage Center, being in charge of creating culturally responsive/respectful art activities for children. It was hard that so many people who were inexperienced or severely lacked knowledge of Alaska Native people.

Anthony talked about introducing a full year of Alaska Studies for 6th grade students. The district is looking at how to implement this properly. The program has to exist. Patrick asked if the District looked at other School Districts Alaska Studies courses. Anthony explained that it is difficult when ASD is one of if not the largest in the State. They found that the Hawaiian Studies Curriculum was one of the best and most successful.

IV. Vote for Teacher/Counselor

No teacher/counselor present. Tasharla asked to keep it on the agenda for the next meeting

- a. Seat 1
- b. Seat 2

V. Reviewal of By-Laws

Patrick brought up changing article 4. Members, line number 2. Changing student members will serve two year terms. Talked about changing rules and responsibilities to positions. Melonie-Anne will use the OIE Template to redraft current by-laws and provide members a few different options on language for student members.

VI. Budget Revision

\$4,95.00 moved from Staff Travel 3600 to Student Travel 3160.

Jaime spoke about the NIEA trip with two students to Spokane, WA. Students led the presentation, which was very powerful and moving to hear. One comment that stood out to Jaime was the man that spoke to his understanding of NYO being changed after their presentation.

VII. Logo Planning

Alexis provided guidance on the logo. Considerations to have when creating the new logo. Keeping it simple to ensure detail is not lost when using it. Thinking long-term, the logo should be timeless. Patrick moved to postpone the item until the next meeting so the missing three members could contribute, and give Alexis time to email details to the members.

VIII. Open Committee Discussion

Jaime wants members to decide what is discussed during meetings. Sammie asked where the Western Alaska teachers ended up. Jaime said the district is accepting all of the teachers that apply. One of the teachers is at College Gate as Para Pro. College Gate Western Alaska students are proving to be resilient. Jennifer asked if she is remembering correctly that ASD was preparing a school for future emergencies such as the typhoon. Sammie asked what the NAC could do for the students that are bored and stuck at home. Jaime said that transportation is a huge issue for the Western Alaska families. Organisation assisting at the Aspen hotel can maybe help coordinate with NAC. "Angel Tree" for kids to be able to get items that were lost. Jennifer asked how people who don't have means to donate can help. Alexis suggested supporting them at the regalia nights. Bags of crafts they can take over to families. Jennifer asked to send an email to members for things to do.

IX. Public Engagement Session

Jaime read the comment from Melissa Thomas.

Parent's shout out to Alexis for the resources at the bottom of the Family Newsletter.

X. Adjournment

Tasharla called the meeting to an end. Meeting adjourned at 6:54pm