

Indian Education Parent Advisory Committee

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 - 6:00 pm

District Office, Room 118

Online Link: Parent Advisory Committee Monthly Meeting, Indian Education

2100 J Street, Eureka

[Bylaws](#)

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Land Acknowledgement*

3. Roll Call

- i. Chairperson: Melissa Defenbaugh
- ii. First Vice Chair: Teresa McGinnis
- iii. Second Vice Chair: VACANT
- iv. Parent Representatives: Rachel Brakeman
- v. Student Representative: VACANT
- vi. Teacher Representative: Hilary Manion
- vii. Non-Voting Members: Kristin Sobilo, Shawna Morales

4. Announcement of a Quorum

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

5. Public Questions or Comments

- o (Speakers are limited to three minutes each)

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

- o [DRAFT Meeting Minutes from 10/14/2025](#)

7. Approval of the Agenda of the Current Meeting

8. Reports from PAC Members

- o H. Manion - [National Indian Education Association Conference](#)

9. [Staff Reports January 2026](#)

10. Old or Unfinished Business

- o Additional Nominations for Vacant Positions
 - i. Second Vice Chair
 - ii. Student Representative

11. New Business

- o Budget Review
- o College of the Redwoods Indigenous Language Institute update
- o Announcements (Speakers are limited to three minutes each)
- o Items for next meeting agenda

12. Adjournment

[Upcoming Community Events:](#)

[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 the camera on whenever possible.