

Indian Education Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Location: 2100 J Street, Room 114

Meeting Called to Order: 6:08 PM

Chairperson: Melissa Defenbaugh

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Melissa Defenbaugh called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM.

2. Land Acknowledgment

The Land Acknowledgment was read by Chairperson Melissa Defenbaugh.

3. Roll Call

- Chairperson Melissa Defenbaugh - present
- Vice Chairperson Teresa McGinnis - present
- Second Vice Chairperson - VACANT
- Parent Representative Rachel Brakeman-Arnold - present
- Student Representative Thomas Smith - present
- Teacher Representative - Hilary Manion - present
- Non-voting Members present - Shawna Morales

Quorum established.

4. Public Comment

Alison Robbins (Blue Lake Rancheria) requested to speak at the end of the meeting. Chairperson Defenbaugh approved the request.

5. Approval of Minutes

a. Draft Minutes – Previous Meeting Dated August 12, 2025

Corrections noted for the spelling of Alison Robbins, Rachel Brakeman-Arnold, and Hilary Manion.

- **Motion:** Hilary Manion moved to approve the draft minutes with the noted corrections.
- **Second:** Rachel Brakeman-Arnold.
- **Motion carried unanimously.**

b. Draft Minutes – Previous Meeting Dated September 16, 2025

Corrections noted for the spelling of Rachel Brakeman-Arnold and Hilary Manion.

- **Motion:** Hilary Manion moved to approve the minutes with corrections.
- **Second:** Teresa McGinnis.

- **Motion carried unanimously.**

6. Approval of Agenda

- **Motion:** Hilary Manion moved to approve the agenda as presented.
- **Second:** Rachel Brakeman-Arnold.
- **Motion carried unanimously.**

7. Reports

A. PAC Member Reports

- Melissa Defenbaugh shared that the CA Native Day event was highly successful and proposed providing awards to recognize community supporters.
- Jennifer Johnson reported positive feedback from a Zane parent whose child encouraged attendance at the event.
- Hilary Manion shared insights from her attendance at the National Indian Convention in Spokane and plans to share new ideas with the committee.

B. Staff Reports

- Shawna Morales reported that adding more detailed information to the Staff Reports Google Form will support future grant writing.

8. Old Business

- **CA Native Day Event Review:**
Shawna Morales reviewed the successes and challenges of the event and school visits.
 - Discussion included making CA Native Day an every-other-year event.
 - Thank You Cards designed by Lyn Risling have been purchased.
 - Discussed how to grow the planning team
 - Discussed ways to increase ECS Staff attendance at the evening event
 - Beth Sederberg will create a shared Google Doc to coordinate acknowledgments.
 - Thank-yous will also be distributed via ParentSquare and Facebook.
 - Melissa Defenbaugh will schedule a Wrap-Up Meeting after the first of the year.
 - Maggie Peters suggested collaborating with HCOE to produce a video on “Proper Use of Regalia” featuring Lyn Risling.

9. New Business

A. Native American Studies Model Curriculum

- **Presenter:** Maggie Peters (HCOE)
Maggie Peters shared information on the Native American Studies Model Curriculum project and distributed flyers with training dates.
She requested that ECS adopt the curriculum.

B. Extension of Meeting Time

- **Motion:** Chairperson Defenbaugh requested a motion to extend the meeting to allow presentations by Maggie Peters and Alison Robbins.
- **Motion:** Hilary Manion.
- **Second:** Rachel Brakeman-Arnold.
- **Motion carried unanimously.**

C. Grant Updates

Alison Robbins reported the following recent grant awards:

Grant Title	Amount
California Youth Action Partnership	\$499,000
Grow Your Own Teacher/Administrator (25A)	\$1.5 million
Grow Your Own Teacher/Administrator (26B)	\$1.5 million
The Mellon Foundation Tribal Archive Grant	\$30,000
Native American Career & Technical Education Program – Supplemental	\$197,000
Native Youth Community Partnership	\$2.49 million

D. Communication Update

Beth Sederberg shared that **ParentSquare** has launched with a soft rollout and will be used for PAC communication, including meeting announcements and community updates.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM by Chairperson Melissa Defenbaug

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Sederberg

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