



Title VI Native American Family Committee

5:30pm – 7pm. December 16, 2025, District Office Room 102

Voting Members in attendance: CC Compton, Jana Finkbonner, Jamie Hensely, Sharece Steinkamp, Michelle Vendiola, Yana Mansfield

Co-chairs: Dr. Kristen French, Isabel Meaker, Dr. Janis Velasquez Farmer

Welcome and Introductions

Janis opened the meeting and invited each attendee to introduce themselves along with their tribal affiliation.

Blessing of the food

A blessing of the food was provided by a parent attendee.

Updates were provided by including

- A committee member reported back on Cordata and Fairhaven native American student unions. Multiple families are helping to coordinate activities including Native STEM. This aligns with a line item in the Title VI budget. An attendee expressed interest in knowing more about how student unions will receive formal support to ensure effectiveness.
- Yana provided an overview of data including numbers of 506 forms per school, to inform outreach. The 506 form workgroup has been established within the NAFC to help gather more forms. An attendee asked whether forms can be submitted electronically and Janis indicated that BPS plans to look at that in the future. Forms can be turned into the main office of schools.

- An overview of Native events was printed and provided: Attendees noted that the Pow Wow at Squalicum on April 25 at 1pm should be added, and Orange Shirt day in October. An attendee suggested re-naming the document cultural event planning.

Bylaws

The bylaws workgroup presented the draft and facilitated a discussion.

- The bylaws were read out loud, line-by-line by attendees through Article III.
- Adjustments were made through consensus with Yana providing live updates to the draft document.
- The committee decided to add an additional hybrid meeting on Tuesday, January 6 to ensure adequate time for review given that bylaws must be adopted by the committee and BPS, and submitted to the Department of Education by January 31.
- Topics of discussion covered a variety of topics including
 - BPS hiring processes for positions paid through Title VI,
 - Training for committee members and district staff,
 - Inclusion of families of all tribal affiliations, and
 - Treaty obligations and ensuring bylaws do not contradict those.

7:05pm: The meeting concluded with a final blessing.