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Native American Education Parent Committee Meeting Minutes Microsoft Teams meeting

September 9, 2025

1. Call to Order 6:05pm, Land Acknowledgement Statement, Roll Call and Introductions – Tonya Greywind

Fargo Public Schools respectfully acknowledges that we gather on the lands of the Oceti Sakowin (Oh-cheh-tee Sha-koh-wee), who are the Dakota, Lakota, and Nakoda people, and the Anishinaabe (Ah-ni-shin-nah-bay) people of this area.

Members present: Jane Jorgenson, Brandon Baity, Melanie Bald Eagle, Tonya Greywind and April Graves

Visitor present - Melody Staebner

2. Approval of Minutes – 5/6/25- Melanie Bald Eagle , 5/13/25 April Graves to be approved next meeting 10/14/25
3. Native American Education Program Report – Melody Staebner
 - Program Update-
 - i. Changes to department under Student Support Services
 - Meeting with Superintendent
 - a. Funding with district cut, concern Title VI funding support over future years of service
 - b. Program Supervisor leadership changes 3 times in 6 years
 - c. Discussed need for mentorship program
 - ii. Warrior Circles- 8 buildings (4 in each district)- w/ Darlene and Melody providing programming
 - Fargo: Ben Franklin- 6th grade, 20 students; grades 3-5 at Eagles, Lincoln, and Ed Clapp
 - West Fargo: LE Berger, Eastwood, Southwood and Chaney
 - iii. New Hires- NDJJ SAG grant
 - 3 mentors 10/hr per week - WF HS, North HS and South HS
 - 2 positions open

- a. NDSU position - rollover from last year, 10 HR (mentor) Open through March
- b. Cultural Specialist position Open
 - i. Bachelors and Teaching license required OR education endorsement from a tribe OR plan for professional license
- c. Cancelled Native American Studies class

- Financial Report –

- i. Title VI grant-171,472.00 (638 total count)
 - 15799.16 (activities)
- ii. FPS General- 15,823.24 (activities)
- iii. WFPS General-11,900.00 (activities) (10% plus \$1,000 less of funds requested for the year)
 - **Total Budget= 199,195.24**
- iv. NDJJ SAG grant- 52,358
- v. Foundation Donation account- 5376.47.00 balance
- vi. FPS Foundation (critical needs)- 400.00 designated 1st semester with a rollover of 1397.68 (total 1797.68)
- vii. NAEPC account- 6334.22 balance

- Events

- i. Regalia Making Classes- 9/18 and 9/25 @ Plains Art Museum
 - Instructor stipend paid by NAE program event in collaboration with Native Inc.
- ii. Back-to-School Night volunteers and planning-September 24
 - NAEPC booth and recruit
 - 16 organization from the community
 - Lightly used winter gear exchange table
- iii. Indigenous Peoples Day - October 13th 2025
 - Collaboration with Moorhead High Native Education
 - Paid 1000 toward food and 500 toward drum groups
- iv. October- College Visit TBD
- v. Reading Program- TBD

4. Old Business- N/A

5. New Business

- Listening Session- December 10th 12-1:30pm-virtual
- NAEPC- Donations and fundraising
- Tribal donations- NAEPC letters of support
 - Tonya Greywind will assist with drafting the letter, which will be submitted for approval to NAEPC during the October monthly meeting.
- Parent Committee Elections

- Need JOM parent committee (meetings will be held after Parent Committee meeting)
- JOM student forms due Monday
 - Descendants must apply

Requirements for JOM eligibility:

1. certificate of indian blood count, parent or grandparent or child,
 - 2. child and parent birth certificate, and
 - 3. grandparent certificate of indian blood.
 - MN vs ND requirements vary
6. Open Discussion
- Area Business Donation letter
 - FB links to share
 - Woodlands and High Plains Powwow scheduled March 28, 2025 at MSUM this year.
 - Winter Gathering

7. Adjourn – Tonya Greywind - 740pm
Gigawaabamin - “I’ll see you again”