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Native American Education Parent Committee

Meeting minutes
Microsoft Teams meeting

October 14, 2025

1. Call to Order 620pm,
Land Acknowledgement Statement, Tonya Greywind
Fargo Public Schools respectfully acknowledges that we gather on the lands of the Oceti Sakowin (Oh-chéh-tee Sha-koh-wee), who are the Dakota, Lakota, and Nakoda people, and the Anishinaabe (Ah-ni-shin-nah-bay) people of this area.

Roll call: members present Tonya Greywind, Amber Mattson, Melanie Bald Eagle, April Graves, Jane Jorgenson and Brandon Baity. Visitors present Melody Staebner

2. Approval of Minutes –
 - motion by Amber Mattson to approve 5/6/25 meeting minutes, 2nd motion Jane Jorgenson. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - motion by Melanie Bald Eagle to approve 5/14/25 meeting minutes, 2nd motion Jane Jorgenson. All in favor. Motion carried
 - motion by Melanie Bald Eagle to approve 9/9/25 meeting minutes with changes, 2nd motion to approve Jane Jorgenson. All in favor motion carried.
3. Native American Education Program Report – Melody Staebner
 - Program Update-
 - i. Need to hire
 - Mentor for South High *open position
 - Cultural Specialist * open position *discussed applicant requirement
 - ii. Current Mentors
 - North High- Whitney Walette (NDJJ grant)
 - WFHS- Trinity Michlitsch (NDJJ grant)
 - Ben Franklin- Caleb Neeland (NDSU grant)
 - South High- OPEN (NDJJ grant)
 - Reporting is consistent with tracking data/student logs
 - iii. Native American Heritage Month-
 - FPS- continue school wide teachings through First Nations Consultants (NDSU grant funds)- all students are learning

creates a positive impact and supports strategic initiative 2- Belonging.

- WFPS- possible pilot school wide teachings (WF funds)
- Encourage the district to continue the work created by Ricky White

- 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)
 - **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. Winter Gathering- December 17th 6-8pm
 - Volunteers
 - Stations
 - Door prizes
 - Food

4. Old Business Discussed

- i. Changes to department under Student Support Services
- ii. Warrior Circles- 8 buildings (4 in each district) continued by Melody and Darlene
- iii. New Hires- NDJJ SAG grant
- iv. Regalia Making Classes- 9/18 and 9/25
- v. Back-to-School Night volunteers and planning-September 24
 - NAEPC booth and recruit
- vi. Indigenous Peoples Day- powwow and day events in the community
- vii. Listening Session- December 10th 12-1:30pm-virtual
- viii. NAEPC- Donations and fundraising
- ix. Tribal donations- NAEPC letters of support

5. New Business Discussed

- Listening Session- moved from 12/10 to 1/15 12-1:30
- Next PCM (November 11- no school days for both districts) moved PCM meeting to November 12th voting for committee member seats, open election/recruitment

- 6. Open Discussion**
Indigenous Association craft night Thursdays 6-8
Native Inc craft classes Mondays in November

- 7. Adjourn – Tonya Greywind 7:29pm**