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Native American Education Parent Committee
Meeting Minutes
Microsoft Teams meeting

November 12, 2025

1. Call to Order 6:13pm, 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-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.

Members present: Brandon Baity, Melanie bald Eagle, Amber Mattson, Tonya Greywind, Dakota Harmon and April Graves

Visitors present: Melody Staebner and Ariel Breen

2. Approval of Minutes 10/14/25, motion to approve Melanie Bald Eagle and second motion to approve Amber Mattson. All in favor motion carried.
3. Native American Education Program Report – Melody Staebner
 - Program Update-
 - i. All mentor positions are filled
 - Mentors
 - IV. North High- Whitney Walette (NDJJ grant)
 - V. WFHS- Trinity Michlitsch (NDJJ grant)
 - VI. Ben Franklin- Caleb Neeland (NDSU grant)
 - VII. South High- Rhianna Cloud (NDJJ grant)
 - ii. Native American Heritage Month-
 - FPS- continue school wide teachings through First Nations Consultants (NDSU grant funds) Ricky White K-6th grade each Monday for 4 weeks
 - WFPS- declined to do pilot school wide teachings
 - Financial Report –
 - i. **Action-** Request for 500.00 to go towards door prizes at the Winter Gathering. Motion to approve by April Graves with second motion to approve by Melanie Bald Eagle. All in favor, motion carried.

Sources of funding:

- ii. Title VI grant-171,472.00 (638 total count)
 - 15799.16 (activities)
 - iii. FPS General- 15,823.24 (activities)
 - iv. WFPS General-11,900.00 (activities)
 - **Total Budget= 199,195.24**
 - v. NDJJ SAG grant- 52,358
 - vi. Foundation Donation account- 5376.47.00 balance
 - vii. FPS Foundation (critical needs)- 400.00 designated 1st semester with a rollover of 1397.68 (total 1797.68)
 - viii. NAEPC account- 6334.22 balance
- Events
 - i. Winter Gathering- December 17th 6-8pm
 - Volunteers - reach out to any groups that need hours
 - Stations- assignments were emailed out to PC members. Also, many community groups and local businesses will also participate in the festivities
 - Door prizes- Darlene will gather
 - Food -90 pizzas from various pizza parlors, cupcakes and pop. Treat bags from Santa

4. New Business

- Listening Session- moved from 12/10 to 1/15 12-1:30
- Next parent committee meeting January 13th 2026 - vote for Teacher Representative position.
- Positive Parenting Class offered by Melody Staebner and Darlene Boyle
- Melody on medical leave Nov 13th - January 5th
- Darlene Boyle position changed to liaison.
- Social worker position is OPEN
- Cultural Specialist position is OPEN

Parent Committee Elections 2026 final vote

- a. Chair, April Graves
 - b. Vice Chair, Amber Mattson
 - c. Secretary, Melanie Bald Eagle
 - d. Fargo Member at Large, Dakota Harmon
 - e. West Fargo Member at Large, Tonya Greywind
 - f. Community Member, Brandon Baity
 - g. Student Representative, Ariel Breen
 - h. Teacher Representaive, OPEN
- Each position was nominated by peers or self and all positions elected, all in favor. None opposed. - Tonya Greywind.
 - Jane Jorgenson retires from FPS, after the 2025-2026;school year.

5. Adjourn – 7:26pm