



Title VI Indian Education Parent Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2026

4:30pm – 5:30pm

Meeting held via Microsoft Teams

- I. Call to Order: meeting called to order at 4:33pm
- II. Welcome: Chairperson Strickland welcomed attendees to the meeting
- III. Attendance:
 - a. Jessica Strickland, Chairperson and CMS Parent
 - b. Brandon Lowery, Vice-Chair and CMS Parent
 - c. Benji Wall, Secretary and CMS Parent
 - d. Kelli Wallace, CMS Parent
 - e. Sherese Rodriguez, CMS Parent
 - f. Deidre Mallow, Teacher Advisor
 - g. Stacey Moretti, CMS Engagement Team/Grant Manager
- IV. Discussion
 - a. 2026-2027 Grant
 - i. Final student count is 120.
 - ii. Grant funding: \$27,718
 - iii. Grant Priorities: attendees discussed priorities for 26-27 and unanimously voted on the priorities below:
 - 1. 26-27
 - a. Program Marketing and Awareness to increase family engagement
 - b. Cultural Events/Field Trips
 - c. Tutoring/Test Prep
 - d. End of Year Recognition
 - e. School supply? Metrolina
 - 2. 25-26 for reference
 - a. Tutoring/Test Prep
 - b. School Supply Drive
 - c. Lesson Integration each semester
 - d. Poster Contest
 - e. Program Advertisement
 - f. Summer Enrichment

- g. Cultural Events/Field Trips
 - h. End of Year Recognition
 - i. Student Support for extra-curricular or after-school activities (clubs, internships, etc.)
- b. 26-27 Officer Election Results
 - i. Chair: Jessica Strickland
 - ii. Vice-Chair: Kelli Wallace
 - iii. Secretary: Benji Wall
- c. Student Ambassador Recruitment
 - i. Recruitment letter draft created and will be shared with IEPAC officers for review
- d. EOY Celebration
 - i. Saturday, May 30, 2026, at McClintock Middle School
 - ii. [Registration is live](#)
 - iii. Confirmed activities
 - 1. Dana Lowery: speaker and craft activity
 - 2. Jaelyn Deese: craft activity
 - 3. Food: provided by Independence HS Culinary Arts students
 - 4. Student Recognition
 - a. Rising 6th and 9th, graduates
 - b. All students will receive a bag with books and small items
- e. 2026-2026 Flyer
 - i. Stacey will create a flyer and share with officers for review and approval.
 - ii. Flyer will be shared at May 30th event.
- V. General Discussion
 - a. Ideas for field trips
 - i. Schiele Museum
 - ii. Town Creek Indian Mound
 - b. Ideas for potential kickoff event: host early in the year to welcome new students and families and increase family engagement
 - i. Ice cream social at a park
 - ii. Food truck at outdoor location
- VI. Announcements/Updates
 - a. Unity Conference: March 4-7, 2026 in Raleigh
 - i. Stacey attended on behalf of the program and CMS and provided an event summary.
 - b. [AIMS Summer Experience](#)
 - i. July 12-17, 2026 at Wake Forest
 - ii. Free for rising seniors interested in biomedical field
 - iii. Application process with teacher recommendations required

- c. Carolina Horizons: <https://americanindiancenter.unc.edu/event/carolina-horizons-2/>
 - d. NCNAYO Conference: <https://ncnayo.weebly.com/annual-conference.html>
- VII. Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 5:30pm

Meeting minutes recorded by Stacey Moretti