



Title VI Native American Family Committee Meeting Minutes
5:30 – 7 p.m., February 10, 2026, District Office Room 102

Voting Members in Attendance: CC Compton, Michelle DeAsis, Jamie Hensley, Sybil McLean, Sharece Steinkamp, Michaela Vendiola, Candace Woodfork, Yana Mansfield

Co-Chairs: Dr. Kristen French, Isabel Meaker (Absent) Dr. Janis Velasquez Farmer

Updates:

506 Forms

Discussion focused on what families need to complete the Title VI 506 form and challenges some families face. Key challenges include varying tribal requirements and confusion around tribal enrollment numbers. It was clarified that the enrolled tribal member does not have to be the student and may be a parent or grandparent if clearly listed. Forms can be scanned and emailed if they include a handwritten signature.

- **Outreach to Families**
The committee reviewed outreach strategies used last year and discussed plans for increasing submissions before the March 5 deadline. Strategies include sending a ParentSquare message with clear instructions, providing targeted hard copies to families most likely to qualify, and continuing to keep forms available in school offices. The committee would like a broad message sent out to families as well.
- **Family Night / 506 Form Support Event**
A family night to help families' complete forms and connect with the community is scheduled for February 24 from 4:30–7:00 PM. The event will include food, crafts, and staff support to assist families with completing forms. Door prizes or drawings may also be included.
- **506 Forms - Deadlines and Form Updates**
The district deadline for submitting 506 forms is March 6. A new version of the form is expected in June 2026. Families who already have a form on file do not need to resubmit.

Powwow Updates and Fundraising

A BPS Native student shared updates about the upcoming Powwow scheduled for April 25. The Powwow will follow a traditional format, and costs may include drummers, dancers,

specials, head staff, and food. Donations are currently being collected through the community foundation.

NAFC Funding Discussion

The committee discussed whether NAFC could support the Powwow financially. An amount around \$5,000 was mentioned for food or catering; however, no final decision was made. Because the funds are public and grant-funded, staff will confirm what expenses are allowed under Title VI and the appropriate payment process.

Spending Process

It was clarified that NAFC operates using a collaborative approach rather than formal voting for every expense. The committee agreed to move forward with food and supplies for the February family night.

Coordinator Position Update

School district staff shared plans to post a temporary internal hourly coordinator position for the remainder of the school year, up to 10 hours per week. The goal is to post the position soon and have someone in place by early March. Committee members were asked to email ideas for job duties and potential candidates.

Action Items

- Staff will complete a new data pull to identify families flagged as Native in the Skyward system.
- ParentSquare messaging will be sent soon to allow time for submission of form before the March 5 deadline.
- A craft supply list will be developed for the family night event and sent to for ordering.
- Staff will confirm with the district what Powwow expenses are allowable under Title VI funding.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10 - District Office Rm 102