Native Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

ASD Education Center
5530 Northern Lights Blvd., Tech Lab 1

Wednesday, May 27, 2026
5:30-7:30 PM

I. Land Acknowledgement

Jaime read the land acknowledgement

II. Welcome and Introductions

III. **Call to Order**

Tasharla called the meeting to order at 5:42pm.

A. Roll Call

Present	Absent	Staff	Guest
Jennifer McCarty Charette	Teresa Lowe	Jaime Galvan	Gabby Knutson via phone
Tasharla Shaw	Patrick Hopstad	Emily Baker	
Sammie Hernandez	Paul Duny	Kerri Wood	
Patricia Henry			

A quorum was established.

B. Approval of Agenda and Meeting Minutes

Tricia made a motion to approve the agenda and minutes from April 22, 2026. Seconded by Sammie. Motion carried.

IV. Vote to Fill Parent Seats

A. Seat 1

B. Seat 2

There were no new parent applications. Open seats will need to be filled in the fall.

V. Vote to Fill Student Seats

A. Seat 1

Sammie nominated Gabby for a student seat on the committee. There were no other student applications.

B. Seat 2
C. Seat 3
Jaime passed out ballots for the student seat. The committee voted and Gabby was elected unanimously.

VI. Vote to Fill Teacher Seats

A. Seat 1

B. Seat 2
There were no teacher/counselor applicants. Open seat will need to be filled in the fall.

VII. NAC Greeting Card

Discussion about sending out a greeting card from the committee and/or Jaime. One idea was that the committee would like to see the logo and pictures on one side and a message from Jaime on the other. Jennifer volunteered to create a message and email it to the committee for approval. The other idea that was discussed was to send out a letter instead. They would also like to see a QR code live link for the calendar of meetings. That way parents could hang it on the fridge for future use. Tasharla requested that the postcard not be too busy.

VIII. Plan Date for NAC Logo Meeting

Discussion between committee members to select a date for the NAC logo meeting. They selected June 17, 2026 at 5:30pm. Indigenous Ed will book a room for two hours for the committee. Tricia handed out paper copies of information for review before the meeting. She will also send an electronic version.

IX. Public Comment/General Comments

Jennifer asked about the head shots that were taken. Jaime let her know that the lighting was not good and that Alexis is working on them. The committee also set a tentative date of August 26, 2026 for the first meeting for next school year. Tricia asked if Indigenous Ed could provide some of Robert's Rules of Order books. Jaime shared her experience at the Western Alaska graduation. She also mentioned that the news coverage was very good, especially the Alaska Public Media article with Rhonda McBride. Jennifer asked if it was possible to get a monthly report on how the WAK students are doing. Jaime will see if that is something that can be done. Kerri shared that Jaime (and many other people and departments) won a Denali award for the work with the Typhoon Halong evacuees.

X. Adjournment

Tasharla made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Sammie. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.