

Native Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

ASD Education Center
5530 Northern Lights Blvd., Blue Room

Wednesday, February 18, 2026
5:30-7:30 PM

I. Welcome and Introductions

Jaime read the Land Acknowledgment.
Tasarla called the meeting to order at 5:34pm

II. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

Present

Absent

Staff

Guest

Sammie Hernandez	Trish Henry	Jason Hlasny	Gabby Knutson
Vlad Hernandez-K	Paul Duny	Jaime Galvan	Yani Morley
Isabell Murry		Emily Baker	
Tasarla Shaw *Zoom		Melonie-Anne Kastens	
Teresa Lowe *Zoom		Alexis Griffiee	
Jennifer M-C *Zoom		annette donaldson	
Patrick Hopstad * Zoom			

A quorum was reached.

B. Approval of Agenda

Patrick made a motion to approve the agenda. Jennifer seconded. Motion carried.

III. Guest Speaker Jason Hlasny

Jason shared that he was here tonight to hear from the NAC to better help him in his journey of becoming a Superintendent. He knows the unique perspective of Alaska Native and Native American students with Alaska education is important to be a better leader in any community. He presented before sharing a survey to the members. Seeking genuine feedback from the members. Teresa shared an important question being "what does success look like" Emily asked if a multi generational survey would be helpful. Jennifer asked where Jason was intending to go for Superintendent. He shared that his goal is to stay in Alaska.

IV. Vote for Teacher/Counselor

- a. Seat 1
- b. Seat 2

No Teacher/Counselor present.

V. Logo Planning

Alexis made three general mockups for members to discuss. Annette suggested Ulu or beading to the logo. Teresa brought up logo representing all Alaska Native cultures across the board. Jaime asked that the group choose one logo to discuss.

Teresa, Tasarla, Patrick all like logo sample 1. Sammie and Vlad agree that logo 1 would be the easiest to work on. Sammie made a motion to vote. Isabell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VI. Open Committee Discussion

Jaime talked about meeting Alaska State representatives in Washington DC. She let the members know EASIE Part I will be submitted March 4th. The team has been working hard to increase enrollment numbers.

VII. Public Engagement Session

Yani shared that the South Central Foundation has been working on a Pilot Program at Begich Middle School. With the goal of helping middle school students work in the health care field. The MOA is in progress. 80 students were in the program in the first semester. The second semester dropped down to 72 students. Annette shared that the SSS Joseph has been working really hard with students to see the potential future and opportunities they have with the health care field. SCF is working hard to partner with ASD for building brighter futures for students.

Annette shared wanting to see the land acknowledgement be more recognized and to know what it actually means. Staff and students to better understand what it means. Annette complimented Alexis's work on the I.E. Facebook page.

Jaime suggested getting the communications team on board. Interview students on what they think the land acknowledgement means and why it's important.

Alexis shared the Fashion Show video CITC made.

VIII. Adjournment

Tasarla called the meeting to an end at 6:21 pm