Native Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

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

Wednesday, April 22, 2026
5:30-7:30 PM

I. Land Acknowledgement

Jaime read the land acknowledgement

II. Welcome and Introductions

III. **Call to Order**

Tasarla called the meeting to order

A. Roll Call

Present	Absent	Staff	Guest
Sammie Hernandez	Patrick Hopstad	Emily Baker	Yani Morley
Vlad Hernandez		Jaime Galvan	
Trish Henry		Kerri Wood	
Tasarla Shaw		Melonie-Anne Kastens	
Isabell Murry			
Jennifer McCarty Charette			
Teresa Lowe *Zoom			
Paul Duny			

A quorum was reached.

B. Approval of Agenda and Meeting Minutes

Tasarla made a motion to approve the agenda, Sammie seconded. All in favor, non opposed. Motion carried

IV. Budget Revision

Jaime gave a breakdown of the changes in budget. Trish asked if this change would have any impact on the department. Jaime verified no cuts would be made this change will ensure the department can secure new laptops for outdated devices.

Trish made a motion to approve. Sammie seconded. All in favor, non opposed. Motion carried.

V. Approval of the Title VI EASIE Part II Application

Jaime shared the grant application for members to review. Jennifer wanted to know if the grant application could be shared prior to the meeting in the future so members can more thoroughly review the application. Jaime said she would be willing to figure something out for next school year. Jaime explained that the 2027-2028 school year we will be able to change our grant goals and objectives as we are currently on year 4 of 4 of this current grant cycle.
Jaime shared that we will be adding Pre K to our supported students.
Jennifer wanted to know the exact ways that high school students are supported by our program. Jaime let members know that later in the application it does break it down.
Trish asked if there was any way to support the NAC members with grant funds.
Trish wanted to know if NAC could send out a greeting card to families.
Jaime let Trish know we could add NAC greeting card to the next meeting agenda for committee members to sign.
Trish asked if we would be able to ask corporations for donations to help our students. Jaime explained that we are not able to take donations but can direct families to corporations. We are able to work with corporations through MOUs to have them pay for training, camps and travel for staff and students.

Tasarla made a motion to approve the application, Trish seconded. All in favor, non opposed. Motion carried.

VI. General Comments

Trish wanted an update on the logo. She wanted to ask students and families for input on the logo. Committee members want to take a step back in logo planning. Emily recommended having the student interns design the logo or share it out in the family newsletter for students to submit design
We will share out in the family newsletter that there will be an art competition for the NAC logo. Adding NAC Logo Date planning to the May meeting.

Yani presented the Teal cords for middle school students to receive.
Jaime shared that South Central and Joseph from Begich will be hosting an honor roll event for students.

Trish wanted to give a special thank you and recognition to Isabell and Vladimir for taking the time to attend and contribute to the NAC.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:48pm