

San Juan Unified School District
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American Indian Alaska Native Education Program
Parent Advisory Committee
Committee Meeting Agenda
Wed. 10/14/2026
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
DO - Board Room

- 6:00 p.m. **A. Call to Order/Land Acknowledge/Introductions (A)**
- 6:07 p.m. **B. Visitors' Comments (R)**
- 6:07 p.m. **C. Approval of Minutes (A)**
- 6:12 p.m. **D. Treasurer's report (Donations Account Balance/Budget) (D & A)**
- 6:17 p.m. **E. Business Items (D & A)**

E. Business Items (D & A), Total Time ____ minutes

Start Time	End Time	Agenda Item
6:17 p.m.	6:22 p.m.	1. SEPTA Recap
6:22 p.m.	6:32 p.m.	2. Sewing 101 Event Night Debrief and Planning a. Next Event: 10/21/26 b. Lead: Buck Ellingson, Sub-Committee Member: Kaylynn Weitemier
6:32 p.m.	6:42 p.m.	3. Native American Heritage Month Parade a. Saturday, November 7, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. b. Subcommittee - Calvin Hedrick, Hattie Coleman, Buck Ellingson, Koyo Hedrick
6:42 p.m.	6:47 p.m.	4. Acorn Event Sub-Committee (Needs Members, Lead: TBD, Members: TBD) a. 11/16
6:47 p.m.	6:52 p.m.	5. Winter Gathering a. Sub-Committee Lead: Amber Butler, Sub-Committee Members: James Murray & Ashley Murray-Hansen b. Location: Mira Loma, Flex Space a. 3:30 - 5:30 set up b. 5:30 - 8:00 event c. 8:00 - 8:30 breakdown c. Gift Drive/Donation Sub-Committee: Buck Ellingson, Hattie Coleman, Amber Butler, Kelly Bencken d. Date: 12/2/26
6:52 p.m.	6:57 p.m.	6. Senior Celebration Sub-Committee a. Needs Members b. Lead: TBD, Members: TBD
6:57 p.m.	7:07 p.m.	7. Suspension Rates Sub-Committee a. Lead: Harvey Oaxaca, Members: Calvin Hedrick and Buck

		Ellingson
7:08 p.m.	7:16 p.m.	8. Social Media Sub-Committee a. Lead: Kaylynn Weitemier, Members: Ashley Murray-Hansen & Koyo Hedrick
7:16 p.m.	7:21 p.m.	9. Outreach Sub-Committee a. Lead: Buck Ellingson b. Members: TBD
7:21 p.m.	7:31 p.m.	10. Fundraising Sub-Committee a. Needs Members b. Lead: TBD c. Members: TBD
7:31 p.m.	7:33	11. F3 Updates (Ashley)

7:33 p.m. **G. Chairperson's Comments**

7:38 p.m. **H. Reports to be Heard (R)**
1. Board Member (Zima through November)
2. Staff Members (Ashley)
3. Cabinet Members (Harvey)

7:53 p.m. **I. Future Agenda Items (D)**

8:00 p.m. **J. Adjournment (A)**

The San Juan Unified School District acknowledges that our schools are located on the ancestral lands of the Nisenan and Miwok peoples, who continue to care for this land as they have since time immemorial. We deeply respect their ongoing connection to this land and recognize their resilience in preserving and revitalizing their cultures and traditions despite historical and ongoing challenges.

We recognize the profound injustices endured by their ancestors, including genocide, forced assimilation, and displacement, and we remain aware of the ongoing challenges and injustices they face today. As we advance in our commitment to equity and inclusion, we pledge to strengthen our connections by fostering a culture of understanding, respect, and active collaboration with their communities.

American Indian Native Alaska Indian Education Parent Advisory Committee Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Details:

Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Location: Conference Room A, SJUSD District Office

Start Time: 6:04 p.m.

End Time: 8:16 p.m.

Staff Present:

Zima Creason, Member of the San Juan Unified School District Board of Education

Harvey Oaxaca, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services

Crista Koch, Director Equity and Student Achievement

Takoa Stathem-Raney, Secondary Program Specialist, EL & Multicultural Department

Genoveva Mendoza Navarrete, Program Manager EL & Multicultural Education Dept.

Ashley Brady, AIEP School Community Worker

Members Present:

Buck Ellingson, Chair (year 2 of 2)

Amber Butler, Secretary/Treasurer (year 2 of 2)

Kelly Bencken, Member-At-Large and Teacher Representative (year 1 of 1)

Candance Hansen, Delegate for James Murray, Member-At-Large, Elder (year 1 of 1)

Kaylynn Weitemier, Member-At-Large (yr 1 of 1)

Ashley Murray-Hansen, Member-At-Large, Student Representative (yr 1 of 1)

Calvin Hedrick, Member-At-Large (year 2 of 2)

Koyo Hedrick, Member-At-Large, Student Representative (yr 1 of 1)

Members Absent:

Hattie Coleman, Vice Chair (year 1 of 2)

James Murray, Member-At-Large, Elder (year 1 of 1)

A. Call to Order / Land Acknowledgement / Introductions

Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Land Acknowledgement was presented, followed by introductions.

Present: Buck Ellingson (Chairperson), Amber Butler (Secretary/Treasurer), Kaylynn Weitemier (Member-at-Large), Calvin Hedrick (Member-at-Large), Ashley Murray-Hansen (Student Representative), Koyo Hedrick (Student Representative), James Murray (Member-at-Large, Elder/Alumni), Kelly Bencken (Member-at-Large, Teacher), Ashley Brady (School Community Worker), Genoveva Mendoza Navarrette (District Program Manager, Multicultural Department), Krista Poppert (District Multicultural Secretary), Takoa Raney (District Secondary Program Specialist, Indian Education Supervisor), District Board Representative, Cabinet Representative.

Absent: Hattie Coleman (Vice Chairperson).

B. Visitors' Comments

No visitor comments were presented.

C. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Approve previous meeting minutes.

Second: Received.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Decision: Previous meeting minutes approved. PAC officer positions were confirmed to be filled.

D. Treasurer's Report (Donations Account Balance/Budget)

Discussion: Members discussed budget communication between PAC meetings, Winter Gathering donations, toy donations, gift cards, and monetary donations. Director Equity and Student Achievement reviewed allowable expenditures through SNAHC funding, including meals, snacks, water, transportation, supplies, materials, and shirts.

Decisions:

- Established Gift/Donation Committee:
 - Buck Ellingson, Chairperson

Approved: ____

- Hattie Coleman, Vice Chairperson
- Amber Butler, Secretary/Treasurer
- Kelly Bencken, Member-at-Large, Teacher
- Budget updates will be shared between PAC meetings
- Continue donation outreach for Winter Gathering

Assigned Tasks:

- Takoa Raney: Arrange budget updates between meetings; obtain updated AIAN enrollment counts for all district schools.
 - Director Equity and Student Achievement: Provide who to address the checks to when a business makes a monetary donation
 - Ashley Brady: Collect and log donated gift cards given to her by the PAC
 - Kaylynn Weitemier: Contact grocery store partner regarding donations.
 - Amber Butler: Contact Walking Shield regarding toy donations.
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E/F. Business Items

1. Sewing Event

Discussion: Members reviewed logistics, registration, food, beverages, setup, room access, parking, and event communications.

Decisions:

- El Pollo Loco selected as meal provider.
- Bottled water approved as beverage.
- Setup scheduled between 3:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., set up volunteers: Ashley, Kaylynn, Amber and Takoa
- Event location will be added to promotional materials.

Assigned Tasks:

- Ashley Brady: Provide final registration count to Buck Ellingson and Amber Butler by September 21. Clarify meal purchasing process.
- Takoa Raney: Confirm updated flyer with location.

Next Steps: Finalize meal order and purchase beverages

2. Acorn Event

Discussion: Members discussed cultural significance, scheduling challenges, possible gathering locations, weather considerations, and existing supplies.

Decision: Acorn Event scheduled for November 16, 2026.

Assigned Tasks:

- Calvin Hedrick: Coordinate with presenter regarding gathering activities, availability, logistics, and location options.

Next Steps: Confirm location, finalize format, complete service agreement.

3. Winter Gathering

Discussion: Members reviewed Mira Loma High School location options, cultural activities, and winter-themed decorations. Members emphasized maintaining a cultural and community-centered event.

Decisions:

- Preferred date: December 2, 2026.
- Alternate date: December 9, 2026.
- Event will maintain a winter and cultural theme.

Winter Gathering Planning Team:

- Amber Butler, Secretary/Treasurer (year 2 of 2)
- James Murray, Member-At-Large, Elder (year 1 of 1)
- Ashley Murray-Hansen, Member-At-Large, Student Representative (yr 1 of 1)

Assigned Tasks:

- School Community Worker: Will request Mira Loma reservation for December 2; schedule Flex Space site visit.
- Amber Butler: Create a list of questions and logistics that need answers for the Winter Gathering for discussion at the next PAC meeting
- James Murray: Assist with decoration planning.
- Ashley Murray-Hansen: Participate in planning and decorations.

- Koyo Hedrick: Participate in planning and setup review.
- Amber Butler, James Murray, Ashley Murray-Hansen: Develop winter-themed decoration plans.

Next Steps: Finalize venue and continue planning: gift donations, craft activity, food, decorations

4. Suspension Rates

Discussion: Members discussed suspension rates among American Indian and Alaska Native students, culturally responsive practices, data visibility, mixed-race student reporting, and statewide efforts.

Decisions:

- Suspension Rates suggested as a standing agenda item.
- PAC will continue monitoring trends and exploring culturally responsive interventions.

Assigned Tasks:

- Assistant Superintendent Educational Services will collaborate with district teams that are working on tasks related to this agenda topic and will provide information to Calvin Hedrick regarding district efforts, available reports, and current interventions.

Next Steps: Review district data and continue discussion at future meetings.

5. IEP Support (SEPTA)

Discussion: Members discussed increasing support for families navigating IEPs and special education services.

Decisions:

- SEPTA Workshop approved.
- Workshop scheduled for October 14, 2026, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- PAC will revisit adding IEP support language to outreach materials after the workshop.

Assigned Tasks:

- Ashley Brady: Schedule SEPTA workshop.

6. Artifact Updates

Discussion: Secondary Program Specialist reported outreach to approximately 335 tribes. Three tribes have expressed interest in specific artifacts, with no overlapping requests. The NAGPRA process and timelines were reviewed.

Decision: PAC members will be notified when transfers are scheduled.

Assigned Tasks:

- Secondary Program Specialist, EL & Multicultural Department: Notify PAC of the scheduled time when artifact transfers are arranged to invite them to attend.
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7. Outreach

Discussion: Buck Ellingson, Chair, reviewed outreach binders, enrollment information, resource guides, tutoring information, cultural programming, and outreach strategies. Members discussed increasing Native student visibility, engaging principals, displaying enrollment flyers, and connecting with Native students, staff, and allies.

Decisions:

- PAC members will conduct school-site outreach.
- Outreach will prioritize schools with the highest AIAN enrollment.
- Native-authored books will be donated to school libraries.
- Enrollment flyers should be displayed at school sites.
- Members will visit at least one elementary, middle, and high school.

Assigned Tasks:

- District staff will obtain updated AIAN enrollment information
- School Community Worker: Create outreach sign-up Google Sheet after AIAN enrollment is updated; organize books for each PAC member to gift to schools that include one book for each age level: elementary, middle, and high school
- All PAC Members: Sign up for school visits and meet with principals.

Next Steps: Conduct outreach visits and promote enrollment.

8. Native American Heritage Month Parade & Native American Day

Discussion: Members discussed parade participation, T-shirts, artist design work, parking, logistics, communications, and RSVP collection.

Decision: Established Native American Heritage Month Parade Subcommittee.

Subcommittee Members:

- Buck Ellingson, Chair (year 2 of 2)
- Hattie Coleman, Vice Chair (year 1 of 2)
- Calvin Hedrick, Member-At-Large (year 2 of 2)
- Koyo Hedrick, Member-At-Large, Student Representative (yr 1 of 1)

Responsibilities:

- Commission Native artist.
- Develop shirt design.
- Coordinate shirt production.
- Establish meeting location.
- Send participant notices.
- Collect RSVPs and shirt sizes.
- Develop event logistics.

Next Steps: Send save-the-date communication, finalize design, and collect participant information.

9. PAC-Managed Social Media

Discussion: Members discussed establishing a PAC-managed social media presence to increase outreach, visibility, and event promotion. District branding and privacy requirements were reviewed.

Decision: Established Social Media Subcommittee.

Subcommittee Members:

- Kaylynn Weitemier, Member-At-Large (yr 1 of 1)(Lead)
- Ashley Murray-Hansen, Member-At-Large, Student Representative (yr 1 of 1)
- Koyo Hedrick, Member-At-Large, Student Representative (yr 1 of 1)

Assigned Tasks:

- Kaylynn Weitemier: Develop handle name, implementation checklist, questions, and recommendations for next meeting.
- Assistant Superintendent Educational Services: Assist with naming guidance.

Additional Guidance:

- District logos may not be used.
 - Accounts may not appear to be official district accounts.
 - Consent procedures should be established before posting identifiable participant photographs.
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10. California Legislative Bills Pertaining to AIAN Updates

Discussion: Members reviewed legislation related to Native student data visibility, California Indian Day, Native cultural access, and other Native-focused legislation.

No action was taken.

G. Chairperson's Comments

Chair encouraged all members to participate in school outreach efforts, meet with principals, promote enrollment, and increase visibility of Native students throughout the district.

H. Reports to Be Heard**Board Representative Report**

- Area 1 Board vacancy update.
- Appointment timeline and community engagement opportunities reviewed.

Staff Report (Ashley Brady)

- Reported grades and subjects of students currently receiving tutoring services
- Shared participation in community meetings, outreach and community events
- Attendance of Native American Counselor's conference at UC Davis

- Library system update
- Coordination with College and Career Readiness staff
- Expansion of family resources and community partnerships

Cabinet Report

- Enrollment remains below projections.
 - Student attendance remains a district priority.
 - Budget adjustments are ongoing.
 - District programs and services will continue.
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I. Future Agenda Items

1. Senior Celebration location
 2. Acorn Event update
 3. Winter Gathering update
 4. Suspension Rates update
 5. Social Media update
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J. Adjournment

Motion: Adjourn meeting.

Second: Secretary/Treasurer.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

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As of 09/30/26

			BUDGET	Expenses	Balance
Grant Amount			\$41,802.00		
Personnel					
	School Community Worker		\$18,172.00	\$17,903.00	
Academic Enrichment					
	Professional Dev	Culturally Responsive PD: Contract	\$ 4,762.00		
	Direct Instruction	Summer School	\$ 5,000.00		
	Direct Instruction	Cultural Literacy Materials: Books	\$ 2,730.00	\$ 3,243.51	
	TOTAL Academic Enrichment Goal		\$ 12,492.00		
College & Career Readiness					
	Direct Instruction	College & Career Prep: Tutoring	\$ 5,050.00	\$ 1,426.62	
	Student Activities	Academic Enrichment: Contract	\$ 500.00		
	Direct Instruction	Mentoring	\$ 500.00		
	TOTAL College & Career Readiness - Goal 4770		\$ 6,050.00		
Cultural Identity & Awareness					
	Student Activities	Gifted & Talented Access	\$ 772.00		
	Student Activities	Indian Education	\$ 1,920.00	\$ 1,500.00	
	TOTAL Cultural Identity & Awareness - Goal 1386		\$ 2,692.00		
Indirect Cost			\$ 2,396.00	\$ 2,396.00	
Totals			\$41,802.00	\$26,469.13	\$15,332.87
Donations					
	Indian Ed-PAC Balance		\$ 5,500.00		
	Indian Ed-SNAHC Balance		\$ 235.00		