Indigenous Parent Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, August 26th, 2026
6:00pm

I. IPAC President, Ashley Willis, called the meeting to order at 6:07pm.
Opening Prayer: Chadwick Kramer

II. Roll Call (Secretary)
   A. President Ashley Willis - Present
   B. Vice President Wind Spirit Spotted Bear - Absent
   C. Secretary Jamie Merrick - Present
   D. Elder Representative Annie High Elk - Present
   E. Teacher Representative Kwade Keplin - Present
   F. Parent-at-Large Tanksi Clairmont - Absent
   G. Other present
      1. Indian Education Department
         a) Tomi Cimarosti - Director
         b) Chadwick Kramer - CRC North West Feeder
         c) Suzie Golus - CRC North East Feeder
      2. Community Members
         a) Syann Fox
         b) Ali Enno
         c) Clay Enno

III. Approval of Agenda

IV. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes
   A. None to approve

V. Parent Committee Business
   A. Introductions and IPAC Mission Statement
      1. IPAC officer and CRC introductions
      2. Attendee introductions
   B. BPS Fees and services
      1. Process of getting fees paid: Middle schools CRCs will make sure fees are taken care of. LHS and BHS push through at the beginning, CHS at the end. Elementary is sports run by parks and rec, therefore Indian Ed does not cover those fees. Parents need to communicate to the CRC and they will communicate with the school counselor to help.
      2. Any native student in the school qualifies.
      3. Do not cover tutoring but do have Varsity Tutors for the next three years. In talks with UTTC Indigenous Leadership and Elementary Education programs for volunteer nights on tutoring.
      4. Students in dual credit and AP courses need to fill out a google form. Ensures kids aren't missed.

5. Proper paperwork does need to be filled out, this helps with counts and data
6. Activity Pass Fees are not covered.

VI. Facebook/Community Presence
   A. How to be more active on facebook.
      1. Do polls on interests
      2. TikToks/Reels?
   B. Attending PAC meetings, parent nights, etc.; alternate presence through officers
   C. Bios of everyone and eventually testimonials from attendees. Get these to Jamie as soon as possible.
   D. Post on FB about looking for drivers to get kids to school?

VII. IPAC Booth presence - trivia and prize items
   A. Can we budget this? Can ask for donations.
   B. Annie is willing to table at events.

VIII. BECEP Location
   A. Requires no food
   B. Child supervision if we leave gyms
   C. Meetings will remain at BPS Admin building
   D. Jamie will make/update flyers and create events in Facebook

IX. Community Partnerships
   A. SPRC and UTTC Tribal Learders Summit - Urban education
      1. Daniela emailed to set up a meeting to discuss the session. Jamie will send out an email to everyone for dates that work.
      2. Presentation is set for **Sept. 9th at 11am**

X. Indigenous Education Department Update
   A. Working on getting an accurate count of students. IT should be working to fix this in Infinite Campus, as the shift from PowerSchool has occurred.
   B. Once we have the student number, that number will be submitted for Part I of our Title VI grant reporting.
   C. Partnership with UTTC - speaking to students in circle groups, potential for mentorship and collaborating for events offered.
   D. Powwow night - either at Will-Moore or Hughes, once a month (need to solidify the space to be used), have students come in and learn how to sing and dance. AT will-moore can utilize classrooms for financial literacy and elder teachings. IPAC supports this idea. Reaching out for partnerships on supplying meals or
   E. doing potlucks with attending families. This is an opportunity to connect with our larger community, invite our families to join together and connect with each other and our schools including inviting leadership, teachers, etc... This would be open to all, to continue promoting unity and inviting everyone to learn about our languages, culture and practices.
   F. Waiting to see what is happening with YouthWorks, access to initial funding is no longer the same, but access to services and financial support/partnership remain at a likely lesser amount. This supported our Elder Mentorship and Knowledge Keeper supports throughout the district. BPS IED will need to submit reports and

proposals regularly for review of supports. More to come once YouthWorks decides how they will proceed.

XI. Next meeting is set for September 30th at 6pm, BPS Admin Building.

XII. Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm