

Minutes

Indian Education Parent Advisory Committee

December 8, 2020 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Google Meet

A. Call to order: meeting called to order at 6:02 pm

B. Roll call observed

Members present: James Gensaw, Matthew Conley, Hilary Manion, Krisitn Sobilo, Bella Vigil, Leo Canez

Members absent: Linda Gillette

Program Staff present: Rachel Bass, Shawna Morales, Mary Leipzig, Michael Davies-Hughes

Program Staff absent: Tayler Fant

Guests: Tami Davies-Hughes - parent

C. Announcement of a quorum: quorum present

D. Public Questions or Comments (speakers are limited to three minutes each):
no public comments

E. Reading, or waiver thereof, and approval of the [minutes](#) of the previous meeting.

Hilary Manion moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, Matthew Conley seconded the motion. No discussion, motion carried.

F. Approval of the agenda of the current meeting

Kristin Sobilo moved to approve the current agenda, Bella Vigil seconded the motion. Motion carried.

G. Reports of PAC members

Matt Conley let the group know that he will be attending the parent community stakeholder meetings on behalf of the PAC with Superintendent Fred Van Vleck. Outlet to communicate directly with District.

Kristin Sobilo reported that we have shifted back to full distance learning. An idea inspired by a 5th grade student at school was to have a supervised “recess” to encourage community and the social emotional bonds. This will begin tomorrow.

Bella Vigil announced the Listening Session being hosted by EHS December 9th from 5-7pm.

H. Program staff reports

Rachel Bass reported that the program staff will be streamlining their reports to the PAC to make respect the time of the PAC members. Tribal member student is also part of the student stakeholder group that meets with Superintendent Van Vleck. Great to hear that our District is open to hear all aspects of how Distance Learning is going. Has been checking in with all grade level students at EHS. Hosting a lot of workshops, college application time is quickly approaching, helping with FASFA, scholarship applications, stress busters.

Shawna Morales is spending most of her time doing 1:1 tutoring sessions focusing on ELA and math. Attending IEP, 504, and SST meetings to make sure her students are supported. Attending Wild Rivers grant meeting, attending staff meetings. Started a Wednesday social group with Winship students. Students have been having a hard time remembering to check their emails. Promoted Native American Heritage month with teachers. Calls home to families.

Mary Leipzig reported that a lot of students are not showing up due to schedule changes with the move back to Distance Learning. Spending time trying to figure out which times work best for the students. Staying in contact with families through calls, emails, and Google classroom. Has assisted students in getting connected with eBooks through the Hoopa library.

From the District - Michael recognized Rachel, Shawna, Mary, and Tayler for their hard work in navigating the challenging times.

Fred and Michael have had two meetings with Rain Marshall to collaborate on a MOU, close to finalizing.

First roundtable discussion on the recently released on Native American report card.

I. Old or unfinished business

- [Bylaws](#): addition of Section 11, is there a change that can be made to keep us out of a situation where we do not have enough PAC members. Is there language we can add to allow a person to stay on the PAC until other members can be elected? What constitutes a quorum? Can we have some flexibility in the event that we do not have enough members? Can we make it a majority present to constitute a quorum? Leo avoided being a part of the PAC in the past due to other commitments. Virtual meetings have really opened things up for people who could otherwise not be able to attend.

- Hilary Manion moved to approve the amended bylaws, Matt Conley seconded. Motion carried.
- Review [Budget](#): One of the things that was discussed at the last meeting was how we can use our budget to build community among our Native American students. An idea presented was creating a Chromebook sleeve/case with art created by students. A personalized case will cost approximately \$35 per student, with 382 eligible students. James proposed discussing this further at the next meeting. Hilary offered to reach out to a contact that she has with student government. Leo stated that kids are not going to want to decorate their Chromebooks, they are going to want to decorate themselves.

J. New Business

- [PAC Meeting Norms](#): Hilary moved to approve draft meeting norms with the addition of open mind and good intentions, Leo seconded, motion carried.
- [Allowable activities for use of federal Title VI funds](#)
- New Grant Award: [Native Educational Choices and Empowerment Program](#)

K. Items from the floor (speakers are limited to three minutes each)

L. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm

Items for next meeting: Review findings in Native American Report card.