

Indian Education Parent Advisory Committee

October 10, 2023 - 6:00 PM
District Office, Room 114
2100 J Street, Eureka
Link to [Bylaws](#)

MINUTES

- **Call to Order** -6pm sharp
 - Land Acknowledgement* Read by Melissa 'Missy' Defenbaugh
 - Roll Call Observed
 - Members:
 - Chairperson: Linda Gillette
 - First Vice Chair:
 - Second Vice Chair:
 - Parent Representatives: Shawna Morales & Cynthia Bones
 - Student Representative: Jewell Moon
 - Admin Representatives: Kristin Sobilo & Paul Claussen
 - Teacher Representative: Hilary Manion
 - Non-Voting Members:
 - Present: Gary Storts, Jessica Sells, Jeanette Todd, Shawna Morales, Summer Morales, Autumn Morales, Jewell Moon, June Bricco, Mary Leipzig, Susan Gehr, Alison Robbins, Rachel Brakeman, Hilary Manion, Melissa Defenbaugh 'Missy Tripp', Rob Standish, Paul Claussen, Karen Skoglund, Linda Gillette, Ernie Albers, Cynthia Bones, Kristin Sobilo, Cole BeWell, Julia Hostler, Rachel Sundberg, Nikki Roberts, Liliana Brown and Zach Brown, Lois Risling and Steve Baldy.
- **Announcement of a Quorum**
 - Reference to [Article IV, Section 2 of Bylaws](#)
- **Public Questions or Comments**
 - (Speakers are limited to three minutes each)
- **Reading or Waiver Thereof, and Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes**
 - [Draft Minutes, Indian Education Meeting - September 12, 2023](#)
 - *Hilary Manion makes a motion to approve the Draft Minutes from the September 12, 2023 meeting.*
 - *Cynthia Bones seconds the motion.*
 - *Approved unanimously*
- **Approval of the Agenda of the Current Meeting**
 - *Cynthia Bones makes a motion to approve the agenda of the current meeting.*
 - *Hilary Manion seconds the motion.*
 - *Approved unanimously*
- **Reports from PAC Members**
 - Hilary had a wonderful experience, her son is embarking on his history project early. Had the opportunity to see and learn about the condors project to revive the condor. She is very excited about the projects potential

- Alison and Kristen had a wonderful planning meeting, including a beginning teacher program for young adults starting at 18 years old. Very exciting prospects.
- [Indian Education Program Staff Report](#)
- **Old Business**
 - Indian Education Parent Committee Requirements
 - Presented by Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Gary Storts
 - Assistant Superintendent Storts summarizes the PAC's request for him to look into who is required to be on the committee according to the Office of Indian Education (OIE) and found four criteria. PAC members should be parents, representatives of Indian tribes within 50 miles of a school the district serves, and/or teachers and students.
 - [Bylaw Review](#)/Approval for the 2023-2024 School Year, presented by PAC Chair Linda Gillette
 - Group discussion included questions about the number of administrators required on the PAC, interest in more communication with the public to be included in the bylaws about what is happening at the PAC level, and interest in recommending that sites appoint parent representatives.
 - Chairwoman Linda Gillette requests that this item stay on the current agenda monthly under old business to keep it evergreen and at the forefront of the committee's minds.
 - *Hillary Manion moves to approve bylaws.*
 - *Kristin Sobilo seconds the motion.*
 - *Approved unanimously*
 - Call for Parent Advisory Committee Nominations for the 2023-2024 School Year
 - Presented by PAC Chair Linda Gillette ([Review PAC Members 2022-23](#))
 - Linda Gillette accepts chair position for another year.
 - the Shawna nominates Susan Gehr for First Vice Chair- Susan Gher accepts the nomination.
 - Kristin Sobilo nominates Melissa 'Missy' Defenbaugh for second vice chair, Missy accepts the nomination.
 - Linda Gillette nominates Cynthia Bones as a parent representative, Cynthia accepts the nomination.
 - Hilary Manion nominates Rachel Brakeman as a parent representative, Rachel Brakeman accepts the nomination.
 - Paul Claussen accepts the role of administrative representative for Eureka City Schools.
 - Kristin Sobilo steps down as administrative representative for Eureka City Schools.

- *Linda Gillette makes a motion to to seat the new Parent Advisory Committee as follows:*
 - *Chairperson: Linda Gillette*
 - *First Vice Chair: Susan Gehr*
 - *Second Vice Chair: Melissa 'Missy' Defenbaugh*
 - *Parent Representatives: Rachel Brakeman & Cynthia Bones*
 - *Student Representative: Jewell Moon*
 - *Administrative Representatives: Paul Claussen*
 - *Teacher Representative: Hilary Manion*
 - *Non-Voting Members: Kristin Sobilo, Sonny Tripp, Karen Skoglund, Alison Robbins, Shawna Morales*
 - *Hilary Manion seconds the motion.*
 - *Approved unanimously*
- **New Business**
 - Review and confirm, Eureka City Schools Regalia Use, Process and Policy
 - [Regalia Loan Agreement \(last updated 2019\)](#), presented by Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Gary Storts
 - Assistant Superintendent Storts maps out the regalia process as it was written in 2019.
 - A group discussion was held which included information about the onboarding of a regalia specialist, student regalia training, how the regalia is accessed including ideas around processes that include approval from the PAC to gain permission for use. Also thoughts about students acting as role models for other students with regalia were mentioned as well as regalia use in presentations at school sites.

Linda asks for a motion to extend the meeting.

- *Susan Gehr makes a motion to extend the current meeting*
- *Melissa Defenbaugh seconds the motion.*
- *Approved unanimously.*

More group discussion follows. Guests and PAC members discuss regalia check out processes at surrounding schools. Questions around ensuring the regalia come up, and questions around cultural preparation, repairs and cleaning are asked as well as thoughts about handling protocols.

Linda recommends a Regalia Loan Process Committee be formed to look deeper into these questions.

The group agrees. The first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17th at 5:30pm at the ECS District Office.

- *Susan Gehr moves to adjourn the meeting.*
- *Melissa Defenbaugh seconds the motion.*
- *Approved unanimously.*

- Review of the Office of Indian Education's (OIE) Formula Grant Annual Performance Report (APR) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23. Presented by Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Gary Storts (TABLED TO NOVEMBER 14, 2023)
- California Native American Day Event Series Report. Presented by Indian Education Site Lead, Shawna Morales (TABLED TO NOVEMBER 14, 2023)

- **Items from the Floor**
 - (Speakers are limited to three minutes each)
- **Adjournment, 7:50pm**

Upcoming Community Events:

23-24 SY Meetings:

September 12, 2023

October 10, 2023

November 14, 2023

December 12, 2023

January 9, 2024

February 13, 2024

March 12, 2024

April 9, 2024

May 14, 2024

June 11, 2024

Items for future meetings:

- NECEP Update

Land Acknowledgment:

"The Indian Education Parent Advisory Committee of Eureka City Schools acknowledges that the land on which Eureka City Schools sits is Wiyot ancestral land, and Humboldt is the unceded territory and traditional ancestral homeland of the

Indigenous nations: Hupa, Karuk, Mattole, Tolowa, Wailaki, Wiyot, Yurok, and other original inhabitants of Humboldt County. We respect and share our gratitude to Indigenous communities. We thank and honor the original caretakers of this land that continues to be cherished and protected, as elders have instructed the young through generations."

Meeting Norms - Indian Education PAC:

- Members shall show-up with an open mind and good intentions with a focus on supporting ECS Native American students and families.
- Be prepared, stay on topic, and stick to the meeting agenda
- Be succinct, concrete, and explicit when speaking. Share airtime with others
- Begin and end on time
- Refrain from using cell phones or computers for checking email during meetings
- Before speaking, ask yourself, "is what I'm about to say going to add value to the work and the team or would it be better to address outside the meeting?"
- Listen to understand, and ask if you don't understand
- Wait until the person speaking is finished before talking
- Disagree with ideas, not people
- For meetings held virtually via a video chat platform (Google Meet, Zoom), keep camera on whenever possible