

Indian Education Parent Advisory Committee

November 14, 2023 - 6:00 PM

District Office, Room 114

2100 J Street, Eureka

Link to [Bylaws](#)

Draft Minutes

1. **Call to Order at 6:01 pm by Vice Chair Susan Gehr**
 - a. Land Acknowledgement* read by Melissa Defenbaugh
 - b. Roll Call Observed
 - c. Members:
 - Chairperson: Linda Gillette- *Not present*
 - First Vice Chair: Susan Gehr- *Present*
 - Second Vice Chair: Melissa Defenbaugh- *Present*
 - Parent Representatives: Rachel Brakeman- *Present* & Cynthia Bones- *Present*
 - Student Representative: Jewel Moon- *Present*
 - Admin Representatives: Paul Claussen- *Present*
 - Teacher Representative: Hilary Manion- *Not Present*
 - Non-Voting Members: Kristin Sobilo- *Present*, Shawna Morales- *Present*
 - d. Present: *Karen Skoglund, June Bricco, Alison Robbins, Theresa Singh-Janklow, Ronny Davis, Summer Morales, and Autumn Morales*
2. **Announcement of a Quorum**
 - a. Reference to [Article IV, Section 2 of Bylaws](#)
3. **Public Questions or Comments**
 - a. (Speakers are limited to three minutes each)
 - *Melissa Defenbaugh would like to ask that the Administrative Representative vote from the November 14th meeting be revoked.*
 - *The group agrees that it could be added to the agenda for next month.*
 - *Melissa Defenbaugh makes an inquiry about the process in accessing the Indian Education program and Eureka City Schools.*
 - *Paul Claussen gives an overview of the process at Eureka High School, and offers support with individual students and parents/guardians.*
4. **Reading or Waiver Thereof, and Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes**
 - a. [Draft Minutes, Indian Education Meeting October 10, 2023](#)
 - *Susan Gehr Makes a motion to approve the minutes from October 10, 2023*
 - *Rachel Brakeman seconds the motion to approve*
 - *Opposed by Melissa Defenbaugh*
 - *Motion passed*
5. **Approval of the Agenda of the Current Meeting**

- *Cynthia Bones Makes a motion to approve the agenda of the current meeting*
- *Rachel Brakeman seconds the motion*
- *Approved unanimously*

6. Reports from PAC Members

- a. [Indian Education Program Staff Report](#)

7. Old or Unfinished Business

- a. [California Native American Day Event Series Report](#), presented by Indian Education Site Lead, Shawna Morales
- b. Review and confirm, Eureka City Schools Regalia Use, Process and Policy. Committee update, presented by Vice Chair Melissa Defenbaugh
- *Melissa Defenbaugh makes a verbal report on the committee's progress. The report includes the committees desired next steps, learn about insuring items, Identifying a curator, looking at the cost and feasibility of installing display cases*
 - *Shawna Morales and Karen Skoglund report that they have completed the inventory*
- c. 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
- *Karen Koglund would like to get student grade and test score reports for the PAC to review monthly.*
 - *Assistant Superintendent Gary Storts updates the PAC that ECS is currently working with PowerSchool to install a product that will provide reports based on 506 forms.*

Melissa Defenbaugh makes a motion to extend the meeting by 10 minutes

Paul Claussen seconds the motion

Approved unanimously

- d. [Bylaw Review](#), (added to monthly agenda, see [minutes](#) from October 10, 2023)l Year, presented by Vice Chair Susan Gehr
 - *Committee engages in a hearty discussion about the potential outreach that the PAC could do in future.*

8. New Business

9. Items from the Floor

- a. (Speakers are limited to three minutes each)
- b. *Melissa Defenbaugh honors Autumn Morales*
- c. *Jewel Moon and Shawna Morales request funds to purchase merchandise for students that represents the Eureka High School Native Club logo for up to 122 members.*
 - *Parent representative Cynthia Bones asks that students in other grades at ECS have this same merchandise opportunity.*

10. Adjournment: 7:16pm

Upcoming Community Events:

- a. UIHS- Indian Arts and Crafts Fair, 1st Saturday in December (12/2) 10am-5pm. Also EHS Native Club will be there.

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:

- Budget review for making custom merchandise
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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