

Native Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

ASD Education Center
5530 Northern Lights Blvd., Blue Room

Thursday, November, 21 2024
5:30-7:30 PM

I. Land Acknowledgement

Marti conducted an interactive land acknowledgement.

II. Welcome and Introductions

NAC Members & staff introduced themselves.

III. Call to order

5:47 called the meeting by Patricia

A. Roll Call

Present

Absent

Staff

Guest

Mario Casados	Jennifer McCarty Charette	Kerri Wood	Celia Welsh
Melanie Matter-Welsh	Mary Abraham	Cheryl Sherman	Saddie Santagata
Patricia Henry		Alexis Griffiee	Aiden Legget
Patrick Hopstad		Likka McCauly	Veronica Tuzroyluk
Kimberly Santagata		Melonie-Anne Burtrum	Brenda
Lakota Holman		Cyndi Reeves	Adam Legget
		Ralph Elook	Paul Duny

A quorum was reached.

B. Approval of Agenda & Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve the Agenda by Kimberly. Melanie seconded. All in favor motion carried.

Patrick made a motion to approve meeting minutes Lakota seconded. All in favor motion carried.

IV. Reviewal of By-Laws

Patricia would like to postpone the reviewal next meeting.

V. Vote for Student Seats

A. Seat 1

Lakota nominates Paul Duny. Paul accepted the nomination. Confirmation Paul in the newly elected student member.

B. Seat 2

C. Seat 3

VI. Student Support Specialist

Marti greeted Yali Do!- a Dena' ina - it is good/ a greeting. She said thank you in Dena'ina, ____, ____. She asked if there was any other way to say thank you. Ralph let her know "Thank you" in Inupiaq. Marti handed out smoked fish as a thank you.

Marti spoke to her students and families coming to share things in the school.

Marti shares moose soup with her families during parent teacher conferences.

Indigenous Knowledge IS Science. Her students went to State level for the science fair.

One of her students made a harpoon for his science fair project.

Sounds in school. Fill the halls with drums.

Played a Haida drum video.

Chen (fish in Haida)

Clu (kanoe in Haida)

VII. Program Updates

A. Supervisor

Kerri gave updates on Jaime's behalf.

Benny Benson SSS position is now open. Service is still open. East position is now open as the employee has left.

Jaime has been on the rightsizing committee. It has been hugely successful.

3 board memos on December Board meeting.

Tutoring will be starting this week. Meeting with tutoring was held with Jaime and Melonie-Anne on Wednesday.

506 collection update. Just under 2000 missing forms. Making progress. Kerri has processed close to 650 forms this year. Patricia asked Kerri to explain what the 506 form is.

Patrica asked about the deadline for the 506 collection number. Kerri explained the overall timeline of the grant application. Adam Legit asked about clarification for supervisor and director roles and suggested using texts as has been done in the past. Kerri stated she will pass that information on to Jaime.

B. Financial Report

Melanie asked what Staff Membership was. Kerri explained it is for

Marti asked if funds can be moved at the end of the year.

C. Teacher Expert

A lot of collaboration with

Fashion show is sent for 2/8/25 at Bartlett HS. We will be combining it with an Indigenous Art Show.

Patrick wanted to know where we would host the fashion show off site. Our hope is to be able to host it at the PAC in the future. Our goal is to make this a huge community event to really showcase. We are open to support and open feedback from parents. Melanie suggested getting parent involvement.

D. Cultural Enrichment Specialist

Elders and Youth had the largest attendance we've had in years past. Cheryl spoke about our SSS Sophie Cleveland's Elder's and Youth video.

NIEA Conference was held before Elders and Youth

MHSS Professional Development Devil's Club salve at Bartlett HS

Drum making with Native Studies at Hanshew. Cheryl's son played drums and his friend danced.

Open lab today on Indigenous science. Two eyed seeing in our schools to bring in Indigenous knowledge to combine with western knowledge.

Cheryl shared Director of ELL

Education staff from Kinitse reach out and our department will be collaborating.

Upcoming Begich string games

Patrick asked about openlabs. Cheryl shared those are to help teach our staff skills and activities to bring to students.

E. Gui Kima

Week 8 of cultural Identity project. 5 students participating. Plan to open it to more students in the spring. students are working on moccasins currently.

Paul Duny helped present to students about Native Youth Olympics.

Looking to give credits to students participating in the cultural identity project.

Jaime and Cyndi are working to find out how to get students credits.

Patricia asked how Cyndi is getting interest information.

Cyndi is sending out a survey to students in partnership with SouthCentral Foundation.

Partnerships with UAA and APU.

Cyndi met with physiatrist on ways to sustain Gui Kima after the grant is over

F. Alaska Strong

Ralph spoke about Diana's cohort which started on November 8. They are working on headaddresses. Ralph spoke to the program being a Fatherhood grant. They encourage Fathers to be more involved in their children's schooling. Families can collect up to 225 in gift cards for completing the program and survey. Lunch or dinner is served at each cohort event.

Cyndi helped teach qaspeq making at Ralph's last cohort. Ralph's next cohort is at the Sea Life Center. An elder will speak to families about seal hunting. Next cohort to start in January.

Recruiting is very hard for the Alaska Strong program. Parent's struggle to come with their busy schedules. We changed cohorts from 6 week to 3 week program to try and make it easier.

Adam expressed that texting is helpful for getting communications from our Department.

VIII. Public Comments

Partick was hoping to get an update on the Director position. Kerri let us know there are currently two applicants. It has been difficult to schedule the PAC and NAC to be involved in the interview process. We are advocating for a full time director for both IE and MEP. We would need the district to pay 75% of the IE Director's salary. We have done interviews but the two current candidates are new. The position is open until it is filled.

Patricia wanted to hold the vice chair voting until our next meeting.

IX. Adjournment

Kimberly made a motion to adjourn, paul seconded. All in favor Patricia called the meeting at 7:36pm