

# Native Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

ASD Education Center  
5530 Northern Lights Blvd., Blue Room

Thursday, August 21, 2024  
5:15-7:30 PM

## I. Orientation

## II. Welcome and Introductions

NAC Members, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

### A. Roll Call

Present

Absent

Staff

Guest

|              |            |                |  |
|--------------|------------|----------------|--|
| Jennifer M-C | Mario C    | Jaime G        |  |
| Mary A       | Kimberly S | Alexis G       |  |
| Melanie M-W  |            | Likka M        |  |
| Patricia H   |            | Sean P         |  |
| Patrick H    |            | Melonie-Anne B |  |
| Lakota H     |            |                |  |
|              |            |                |  |

A quorum was reached.

## III. Call to order

Jaime read the land acknowledgement.

Meeting was called to order at 5:35

### a. Roll Call

Quorum was met

### b. Officer Elections

#### i. Chairperson

a. Patricia nominated Melanie for the chair, She declined.

b. Patricia nominated Jennifer for the chair, She has accepted.  
unambiguous

#### ii. Vice Chairperson

a. Jennifer nominated Patricia, She has accepted.  
unambiguous

- c. Approval of Agenda

#### **IV. Vote for Student Seats**

- A. Seat 1
- B. Seat 2
- C. Seat 3

No students present. Voting was postponed until the next meeting.

#### **V. Reviewal of By-Laws**

- A. Jennifer made a motion to committee for by-laws. Melanie seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jennifer asked if there was any discussion about the subcommittee.
- B. Patrick wanted to know who would be part of the committee.
- C. Patricia said she is busy Monday and Thursday of the first quarter. October 14. And until December she will be busy Monday and Wednesday.
- D. Tuesday August 27th at 5:30 @ Kaladi Coffee.
- E. Voting for the subcommittee. All in favor, none opposed.

#### **VI. Public Comments**

Patricia wanted to discuss the Native Language Subcommittee. Coming up with the first meeting date/time. Jennifer will email the subcommittee to find a new time. Jennifer will share the meeting notes with Mary. Jennifer will work to get the WhatsApp up and running.

Melanie wanted to get feedback from the Student Support Specialist to know how they can help them be more successful. She would like to get a tour of the schools to see what the SSSs are doing.

Patrick would like to see the difference between a high Native population vs a low Native population school.

Jaime recommended coming up with questions for needs assessment.

Patrick asked why staff aren't filling out the survey. Patrick recommended having the SSSs get in groups to discuss these questions.

Melanie asked that they come up with questions.

- a. Questions around language initiative. What supports within the Schools
- b. What kind of needs are you seeing from your students? Social, Emotional, financial.
- c. What deficits are you facing for supporting students?
- d. What would they feel comfortable with sharing with their peers? To help create a more welcoming environment.
- e.

Jaime talked about the family newsletter out to families every quarter. Patricia wanted to know if we can get a survey from students to see where they get their information from and use that as out outlet to reach them.

Jennifer said in moving to ASD she felt as though she had to come to ASD for information. Information was not easily available.

Welcome Committee for new Native Students in ASD. Especially those schools who do not have SSSs.

Welcome Back / Back - to - School event for families.

Patrick made a motion to visit to figure out what school to visit. Jennifer moved to discussion. Waiting until after the survey to pick the schools they are to visit.

Mary added that there are parents who don't read the things coming home or emails.

Parent engagement lacks.

Jaime said if they want anything shared on our Facebook to send it to Jaime.

Jennifer asked if they had any recommendations of schools to visit. Melanie asked that we visit Benita Holt's School. Melanie asked what High School to visit. Brian at West or Amber at Bartlett.

Patrick asked if any SSSs brought to Jaime that they did not feel supported by the school.

Middle School recommendation would be Rosa at Wendler.

Elementary School recommendation. Marti at Airport Heights or Sandy at College Gate.

They would like to do an hour at each school.

Patrick wanted to clarify the next steps.

1. Jaime will reach out to the staff to see if they are interested in hosting the NAC
2. Select the schools to visit
3. Deciding what do they want to see from the SSSs
4. Build a sign up sheet to determine which NAC members are going

All in favor of visiting the schools.

Meeting dates were selected.

Jaime Played the SEP video.

## **VII. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm