



Native American Indian Center
Parent Student Advisory Committee Meeting



August 18, 2021

Minutes

5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. (zoom)

Roll Call/Introductions- Cristapher Torres, Christina McBrian, Christina Garrison, Rebecca Lopez, Gilbert Mendez, Suzanne Devitt, Christina Moore, Gina Lopez, Francine Baird, Rita

I. Welcome Back

Approval of Minutes - Minutes Approved Christina McBrian, 1st and Christina Garrison 2nd

II. Stake Holder Reports/Comments a) NAIC Report – Gina Lopez, Destiny Rivas, and Sabrina Flores a. Goal 1 – Increase Cultural Awareness and Identity

Destiny reported that the Graduation Video was sent by Board President and letters had 107 graduates. Had all emblems from schools and students' names on certificates. All students received a hand beaded Eagle feather. C McBrian and Jackie Montanez volunteered for the event. Tea was also handed out and an area for pictures was set up. It was a great event and everyone really enjoyed it.

Gina shared a video of Summer School which showed pictures of the visit from Board President, Cecelia Mendez and Superintendent, John Ramirez Jr. Board member Scott McBrian also attended the last day and handed out certificates. Destiny stated there was traditional academics and felt that this summer school helps build lasting friendships with the participants. Destiny and Gina would like to have more parent input in the planning. Rebecca asked about a post survey to get parents and student input. C Garrison showed her grandchildren how to gather pine nuts to make beads and would like to share this with other children. Gina reported that during the Spring gathering they handed out school supplies, flowers, and vegetables. Destiny added that we also gave out 100 boxes of foods. The Lathrop council woman Minnie Jordan Diallo, the Pow Wow Princess, Delya Martinez, Jackie Montanez, Christina McBrian and Rebecca Lopez volunteered.

Destiny coordinated the event for Amazon.

She had Ethnic studies, NAIC, Scholarship Committee, SUSD Resource Centers. Board President Cecelia Mendez attended also Board member Scott McBrian. Scott also gave a brief speech. Terry Hansen and Joseph Maes did a blessing of the grounds. Destiny said there was a lot of networking and a lot of people signed up for the various programs there. Chris McBrian had a lot of fun meeting people. Cristapher thanked Destiny for the invite.

Cristapher Ethnic Studies Report. He is collecting data and will resume the meetings before taking it to the AIC subcommittee.

b. Goal 2 – College Prep and Career Prep Destiny thanked Ms. Rita for the college resources. S Devitt said her son was very grateful for his feather and certificate. CG before graduates used to get blankets or shawls can this be brought back? GL yes. The Field Trip was through WEB X 10 students attended. Lawrence Livermore Lab had Native Rocket scientist and other Native scientist were amazing speakers. They presented paths through agriculture and academic presentations. They had break out rooms were the students built robots. Students shared that they enjoyed it and would like to do it again. CG and Destiny spoke about Randy Pico and his long history with the center. He helped many students get jobs at the lab. Both Randy and his wife are Native scientists, at the graduation he MC'd and his wife was keynote speaker.

c. Grant Requirements

GL reported that we had a total of 287 506 forms. Currently working with Parent Resource Center Department. Destiny is working on Facebook postings. Gina is using Blackboard and emails to reach families. Funding comes from the 506 forms. Jackie asked if Gina was going to apply for the JOM Grant. Gina said yes. Chris G stated JOM is where SUSD could reach out to the other school districts to provide services to these students The center could also reach out to Tribal TANF for outreach. Rita, Guest, JOM was used the first time at St. Mary's Graduation gave legal status for students to qualify for scholarships.

III. Old Business

Mural Update – Budget Francine is still working on the previous cuts GL how do we sustain actual numbers also looking for local artist for Mural possibly reach out to Choctaw students. Bobby Martin made 10 pages of coloring pages that included tribal language All Free He and Erik Wilder are from Fresno. Chris G is friends with Bobby Facebook possible candidate for mural. Updated Bi Laws – ensure everyone has a copy including all amendments. Gina emailed the bylaws to all members all amendments are located on the last page of the bylaws. Chris G thanked Gina for doing this.

IV. New Business

Gina L presented the collaboratively created mission statement, Gina read mission then vision. Complaints were voiced about missing staff. Gina asked to table the conversation to a private meeting. Upcoming events were announced. Cultural Class 9/1/21, college workshop 9/15/21, California Native American Days 9/24/21. Billy Mills was discussed and his Path to Olympic Goals.

V. Announcements/Adjournment- Please invite your friends and family to join our PSAC!

VI. Chris McBrian made a motion to convene, Jackie second the motion Meeting convened at 6:42

a. August Events

- i. Culture Class – August – 25th Powwow 4:30 p.m. -6:30 p.m.

b. September Events –

- i. Culture Class Sept 15
- ii. Sept. 24 – California Native Day – Sacramento
- iii. College Workshop -Sept 29