



**Native American Indian Center**  
**Parent Student Advisory Committee Meeting**



**Minutes Sept. 9, 2020**

**5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. (zoom)**

- I. **Roll Call/Introductions** Roll call: GM called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.
  - a. Executive Members: Gilbert Mendez, Rebecca Lopez, Chris Garrison
  - b. Members: Zachary Devitt, Christina Mc Brian, Suzanne Devitt
  - c. Guests: Gina Lopez, Janet Yarbrough, Chris Torres, Jackie Montanez
  - d. Excused Absence – Heather Neumann
  - e. Absence – no one
- II. Welcome Back
- III. **Approval of Minutes**- Minutes were read silently, Chris McBrian made a motion to approve the minutes. CG seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Stake Holder Reports/Comments
  - a) **NAIC Report – Gina Lopez, Destiny Rivas, and Sabrina Flores**
    - a. Goal 1 – Increase Cultural Awareness and Identity
      - a. September News Letter/Facebook- Destiny reported the newsletter is interactive, has a new teacher section, and is posted on FB and our website. She stated there are different activities for students and families to do.
      - b. Summer Collaboration – Community Dialogue Institutionalized Racism- DR reported that she is involved with this committee and represents the native perspective. GL reported that we are joining the ethnic studies team for the Native American Studies.
      - c. 1<sup>st</sup> Zoom Culture Class Sept. –SF reported that this will be a zoom class where we make a felt book and its story telling theme.
      - d. Activity Kit Drive / Supply Drive – Sabrina reported that we have two donation days coming at the end of September for students to pick up in October.
      - e. Updated Website – GL reported that this is updated daily and all components of our program are posted on our website. Summer Collaboration – Ethnic Studies Community Dialogue –GL reported that we are working with Chris and Jr. the Ethnic studies teachers for the district to assist with curriculum.
    - b. **Goal 2 – College Prep and Career Prep**
      - a. College Information Zoom Class- Destiny/Sabrina reported various skills and resources for students 7<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade to receive help with college and career prep beginning this month during a zoom session. GL reported on College prep and stated that Sabrina will work with 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders Sabrina stated she would cover topics of time management, school involvement, and first year matters. Destiny would be working with 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders to help with deadlines, preparation, resources,

scholarship applications (formerly known as Pathway to College). Information has begun being sent, for example Delta College first two years free.

- b. Pathway to College Native Students – Destiny reported that this is a resource for our high school students with zoom classes and information for Native colleges and pathways.
- c. Data Collection – Gina reported that we are seeking ways to gather our college data for drop out, graduation, and college students and will be done in October for reporting part 3 of the grant. GL is doing data collection reaching out to counselors to get data for students on dropouts, how many went on to college, and how many graduated etc. Final paperwork for grant is due October 3<sup>rd</sup> goals and measurements. Graduation Drive Up Ceremony – Gina reported that we will have a beautiful ceremony to honor our grad students next Thursday at Edison.

**c. Grant Requirements**

- a. Grant was approved for this year. – Gina reported that our grant was approved for 286 students.
  - b. Oct. – GL stated that data, surveys, and focus groups will help keep us on track with the program services.
  - c. 506 forms – Final Report – 286 total - GL reported. Many students marked native on Synergy were marked incorrectly. Staff reached out to all of these students to have them fill out 506 forms and that is how the staff found out they were not native. The Center is asking parents and students to do a short video of why they filled out the 506 Form. GL thanked Zac for doing a video. Destiny explained that the 506 Forms Video is coming soon. It is modeled after the Masks ON video that was done by SUSD. GL stated that the forms are electronic and Central enrollment is supposed to be asking parents if they are Native and if so have the parent fill out a form and send it to the NAIC. GL wants the principals to be informed and made aware of the importance.
  - d. Membership – discussion and questions –Gina stated that parents need a 506 form on file, attendance has to be kept, and anyone wanting join needs to attend two meetings.
  - e. Budget – Staffing –Gina reported that we no longer have an admin assist in the office due to budget cuts. Gina shared the budget, which is \$84,565.
- D. **Other:** Gina asked how Distance Learning was going, Sabrina, Zac and Suzanne all like it. Chris Garrison, Janet Yarbrough, and Destiny Rivas shared tutoring resources.

V. **Old Business** – (GM read the below statements.)

- a. Review Bi Laws –Questions GM read the following statements.
  - Can employees of the center have family members on the board? (yes)
  - Do the PSAC members need to have a child that lives in their home to qualify? (no)

- Can a PSAC member donate items from their nonprofit to our events?  
(waiting on answer)
- Need to ensure all members have 506 forms on file. (We still need some members 506)
- Can employees of our district other than teachers be on the board? (Yes)
- Did we already do an amendment for the attendance – (Yes - Oct. 3 meeting discussed, March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting voted on and approved. (3 unexcused meetings not just 3 meetings missed.)

b. Mural Update – Gina explained that we are actively seeking Native Student Artists. On hold due to Covid restrictions.

VI. **New Business** - Gina requested that we take a vote to extend our meeting by 15 min. CG made the motion to extend the meeting for 10 minutes more RL seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- a. Meeting Dates – Gina led a discussion to propose to move to 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of the month and meet every other month unless needed for grant items that are due. This will allow more time to gather info needed for the meetings. There was discussion and we need to check bylaws and put this out to all members in order to take a vote. (We initially voted yes on this, and CR recommended we take a look at bylaws and bring back to our next meeting.)
- b. Grant COVID update
  - a. Gina reported that we think of ideas for our winter and spring gatherings?
- c. Ethnic Studies Class- Gina reported that our Native team will assist Chris with shaping the Native Ethnic Studies curriculum giving input for the Native Curriculum for high school.
- d. PAC – Gina suggested we have representation at these district meetings.
- e. Other: Gina suggested we add Native Educational News to our Agendas
- f. JOM – reapply for this grant- Gina explained that at this time we have a short timeline, short staff, and 4 events going on this month. That we should do the leg work this year and have paperwork ready to apply next year. RL asked what it could be used for, since she hated turning down money. GL stated it could be used for consultants. Also, JOM needed a certain blood quantum. The grant amount is about \$14,000.

## VII. **Announcements/Adjournment**

- a. September Events
  - i. PSAC- today
  - ii. Grad Ceremony Drive Up- 2:30 p.m. -4:30 p.m.
  - iii. Story Telling Zoom Culture Class Sept 24 4:30 p.m. -5:30 p.m.

- iv. Pathway to College – Zoom Class- Sept. 29 – 4:30 p.m. -5:30 p.m.
  - v. Supply Drive/Activity Kit – donations drop off Sept 30 p.m. and Oct 1  
2 p.m.- 4 p.m.
- b. Adjournment - GM stated in the Good of the Order that the meeting was enjoyable and very positive. C McBrian made a motion to call the meeting and C Garrison seconded motion passed meeting called at 6:28 p.m..