



Native Advisory Committee
Minutes

ASD Education Center
Red Room

Thursday, August 20, 2009
6:00-8:00 PM

I. Welcome and Introductions – All NAC, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

II. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Demaris Hudson at 6:15 PM.

1. Roll Call

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Kevin Albert	Kellie Taylor	Doreen Brown
Demaris Hudson		Marilyn Balluta
Estelle Thomson-Hale		Randy Ashford
Robin Wittrock		
Clara Amidon		
Angela Blue		

Michael Carpentar, guest.

2. Officer Election

- Chair: Demaris Hudson was nominated and elected by unanimous consent.
- Vice Chair: Robin Wittrock was nominated and elected by unanimous consent.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion: The motion was made by Robin Wittrock and seconded by Estelle Thomson-Hale to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried.

4. Minutes – None – No action.

5. Review of By-Laws – Table until next meeting.

IV. Data

- Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) – Not available until October month. We have staff assigned at schools that did not meet AYP. Preliminary data shows below proficiency for Alaska Native/American Indian students.
- 9th Grade ready to Graduate
- Percentage of Native students – 3,860 students eligible for services.
- Placement of Staff – Attached 2009-10 Title VII Indian Education staff list.
- Discussion



V. Program Information

1. Title VII Formula Grant Award 2009-10 – The Title VII Indian Education, Anchorage School District is #1 in the Nation in terms of funding level. We received the 2009-10 award in the amount of \$2.2 million. The award is based on the number of eligible 506 forms we have on file at the time we submit the grant to Office of Indian Education.
2. New Grant – Project Puqigtut (Smart People) – The Title VII Indian Education, Anchorage School District was awarded \$1.2 million grant over a three-year period beginning this September from Department of Education. The grant will staff a Project Manager, full-time project coordinator, three full time teachers, a full-time social worker, and clerical support. Project Puqigtut (Cup’ik for “smart people”) will serve Alaska Native high school students who have fallen behind in school or dropped out, or who are at risk to do so. This project develops and offers online courses that are academically appropriate, culturally responsive, and that offers flexibility of time, space, and place.
3. Project Ki’L – Randy Ashford - The District’s Title VII Indian Education Program in FY 2008-2009 won an Alaska Native Education grant for Project Ki’l: Promoting Academic Success for Alaska Native Boys. (Ki’l is a Dena’ina Athabascan word for “boy”). The project is designed to build a path of success for Alaska Native boys from preschool through the third grade. We are continuing into the second year of the grant. A handout of recent Project Ki’L events was distributed to NAC members.
4. NAC Meeting Dates and Location – List was distributed to NAC members.
5. Current Projects – Veronica Kagank was hired by Title VII as a Yupik Language instructor at the Alaska Native Charter school to teach social and emotional learning which was translated into Yupik. NAC would like to generate a discussion on indigenous languages, they decided form a subcommittee to develop a needs survey.
6. National Indian Education Association Convention in Milwaukee, WI. Please e-mail Doreen if you are interested in attending the convention.
7. AFN Elders/Youth and AFN convention – This year we will have a booth.
8. Job Openings – Several openings.
9. Summary of Summer Activities – The survey from parents indicates we meet the needs of our students during the summer enrichment activities. The ASD give us \$100,000 for next summer programs from the stimulus fund.

VI. General Comments/Questions from the Public – None

VII. Adjournment – Motion: The motion was made by Clara Amidon and seconded by Robin Wittrock to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. Motion carried.