

# **Indian Education PAC Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** February 10, 2026

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Location:** 2100 J Street, Room 114, Eureka, CA 95501

## **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM by Chairperson Melissa Defenbaugh.

## **2. Land Acknowledgement**

The Land Acknowledgement was read by Melissa Defenbaugh

## **3. Roll Call**

- **Chairperson:** Melissa Defenbaugh – Present
- **First Vice Chair:** Teresa McGinnis – Present
- **Second Vice Chair:** Heather Martin – Absent
- **Parent Representatives:**
  - Rachel Brakeman – Present
  - Cara Price – Present
  - Tammy Valles – Present
- **Student Representative:** Thomas Smith – Absent
- **Teacher Representative:** Hilary Manion – Absent
- **Non-Voting Members:**
  - Kristin Sobilo – Absent
  - Shawna Morales – Present

A quorum was announced by Chairperson Defenbaugh in accordance with Article IV, Section 2 of the bylaws.

## **4. Public Questions or Comments - None.**

## **5. Tribal Consultation Update**

A discussion was held regarding Tribal Consultation with HCOE and NCIDC. Jennifer described the importance of the consultation process and maintaining strong partnerships.

## **6. Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes January 13, 2026**

The draft minutes from January 13, 2026, were presented.

**Motion:** Rachel Brakeman **Second:** Cara Price **Action:** Motion carried.

## **7. Reports from PAC Members**

Chairperson Defenbaugh encouraged members to check in with Bubba regarding NCIDC collaboration efforts.

## **8. Staff Reports – February 2026**

- Photos will be posted outside the Indian Education office.
- Shawna has begun beading graduation sashes and caps.
- Jennifer reported that an Indian Education support position has been hired at Grant.

- The district is exploring the possibility of securing substitute coverage at each school site, including segmenting Shaya's position to provide additional support.

## 9. Old or Unfinished Business

### BLR – Summer Jump Start Camp Update

- Program dates: June 22 – July 31.
- Agreement is currently in progress.
- The first four weeks will serve high school students, followed by relocation to another space.
- Vendors will be involved.
- The program will be free to all participants.
- August 1–2 will feature culminating events.
- Targeted outreach may include students scoring low on the basic scorecard.
- Native teachers from HSU are expected to participate.

### BLR – Mentoring Opportunities

- Bubba and Vincent will coordinate mentoring efforts.
- Michelle and Korby will provide services.
  - Korby: Cultural support (e.g., beading and related activities)
  - Michelle: Emotional support services

## 10. New Business

### Data Review – Unified Insights

Jennifer presented data related to:

- Chronic absenteeism
- ELA performance
- Math performance

Grant Elementary has shown notable improvement in positive attendance. The committee discussed the connection between improved attendance and academic achievement.

Additional supports and incentives highlighted include:

- Jenny Martinez's Parent Support Group
- Distribution of materials (e.g., alarm clocks)
- Direct family outreach
- Classroom competitions
- Incentives
- New playground materials

## 11. Items for Next Meeting Agenda

- Follow-up on California Indian Day
- Process for Native student support during Special Education meetings and SARB
- Onboarding new teachers
- Title IV posting for March meeting
- Strategies for bridging the gap between ECS and families
- Observation request from Elizabeth Hernandez (Loleta)

## 12. Adjournment

**Motion to Adjourn:** Rachel Brakeman **Second:** Cara Price. The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 PM.

