

NAPAC Meeting Minutes

NAPAC MEETING DATE: November 20, 2025 – Silver Bell Learning Center

Members Present: Nicole Lonetree-Brovold - Chair, Siannah Mulbah - Secretary, Mandy Priester – MDE at Large, Monica Sandoval, Vice Chair, Liviana Sandoval, Student Representative, Katie Coulson – Teacher Representative, Niibin Rowan – Student Representative, Lily Brovold – Student Representative

Members Absent: Bellaluna Vazquez, Student Representative, Noah Trottier – Student Representative

District 196 Staff: Lisa Turgeon AIE Coordinator, Virgil Jones – Director of Equity & Inclusion, Robin Cerio – School Board, Andrea Engstrom – District Staff, Eric Hansen – District Staff, Tim Conboy – District Staff

Agenda Items	Notes
Minutes Approval	<p>Motion to Approve: Katie Coulson</p> <p>Second by: Monica Sandoval</p> <p>Minutes approved: 6:40 p.m.</p>
District Update – Virgil Jones	<p>Dream Catcher: Professional Development will be held on November 26 at DHMS & RMS. Shared with and discussed with all district school psychologists.</p> <p>805.2.1AR (District Wide): Overarching Update the way the district looks at the parent councils within the district. NAPAC’s administrative regulation policy was updated and reviewed by NAPAC. The purpose was to streamline and ensure consistency with other advisory councils in the district and met the needs of NAPAC.</p> <p>District Staffing Updates – Director of Transportation interviews are currently in process. Virgil Jones has participated on the interview panel. Jill Coyle – ISD 196 General Counsel will be retiring at the end of 2025. The position is in the process of filling the position right now.</p> <p>Graduation Update: The 2026 ceremony will not be hosted at the UM campus due to campus policy changes. The district is in the process of identifying a new location for graduation ceremonies going forward.</p>

Indian Education Program Update

Program Announcements:

Staffing Update: Miranda Bartlett will start in the full-time CFA role on Monday, November 24th. She will meet the team and begin her school assignments shortly after. The AIE department is now fully staffed.

AIE will be launching a new enhanced Facebook page to highlight our students and their achievements. December 1st is the scheduled launch with the first focused on introducing followers to the AIE department staff.

Program Event Updates:

Native American Heritage Month:

ROCK YOUR MOCS WEEK (Curated by AIE CFA team)

Each day will highlight a special theme:

Monday, Nov. 10 - Veterans Day

Rock Your Mocs & Acknowledge Akicita & Ogitchidaa/kwe: Native American Veterans
Honor and recognize the Native veterans who have served our country.

Tuesday, Nov. 11 - Native Jewelry

Rock Your Mocs & Wear your Native Jewelry
Showcase your favorite Native-made jewelry or beaded pieces.

Wednesday, Nov. 12 -Native Design

Rock Your Mocs & Wear Native designs on your clothing
Wear your Mocs & Celebrate culture and identity through patterns, beadwork, or designs.

Thursday, Nov. 13 - Land Back

Rock Your Mocs& Represent your Nation and/or the South of the River Powwow Show your connection to your tribal nation or to our community powwow.

Friday, Nov. 14 - Ribbon Skirt/Shirt Day

Rock Your Mocs & Wear your ribbon skirt or ribbon shirt!
End the week in celebration of pride, culture, and unity!

ACT Prep/Practice Test: Monday October 25, 2025 - 8 Students

Family Engagement

- AIE Fall Gathering - Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration - 45 Families (165 Participants). Whitetail Woods Regional Park.

Cultural Enrichment

- Traditional Art & Family Classroom: Spirit Dolls w/Maria Moren McCoy (10 students)
- Drum & Dance - November 5th & 19th - 21 Families signed up (47 families total includes families from other south of river school districts)
- Thursday Craft Night - 2nd Day to finish Spirit Dolls; November 20, 2025

Early Childhood Family Education - Ready Families: 7 Students

- November 18, 2025: Measurement - How Big is Tatanka (kids learned different ways to measure and were gifted their own measuring tape as a take-home gift. The students measured a buffalo robe)

Looking AHEAD:

Cultural Enrichment Family Events for SY 2025-2026

- Dec 3rd & 17th: Drum and Dance Starts at SBLC (Tentative: Aztec Dance Exhibition on the 17th)
- Dec 4th & 18th: Thursday Craft Night - MMIW/R Skirts & Shirts
- Dec 13: Traditional Art & Family Classroom - Dakota Style Dresses w/Joe Mousseau

Family Engagement Events for SY 2025-2026

- Winter Gathering - Friday December 12, 2025, at SES

Equity Dept / Instruction & Achievement Updates:

- Learning Trunks: BHMS, EVHS, RHS, SP, PW, SV & SHMS
- District PD Day: Am Indian History & Culture PD for staff on December 23 - 2 sessions (100 people each session).
- NEW Teacher Professional Development: Monday Nov 17, 2025, at DQUE
- Native American Heritage Month: Smore Newsletter – sent through Parent Square to teachers

Native Language Revitalization Grant

- Upcoming Field Trip: Saturday January 31st - Dakota Language Camp in Afton, MN

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course Development -is moving forward-will meet with our consultants to create a contract (Rachel Hughes & Eric Hansen). NAPAC received confirmation that the course summary will be available in the January 2026 course guide throughout the district.
MDE Update	AIEA Application Update Meeting w/Betsy Blackhawk on Friday Nov 21 st to review the program application. Lisa will make updates before submission. Jill Coyle - Written Policy on NAPAC can be found here on the website: https://www.district196.org/about/districtpolicies/policy/~board/policies/post/80118ar
Title VI Update	Title VI Update: Title VI Survey Review – Reviewed with NAPAC during the meeting and updates were requested. Tribal Nations Education Committee (TNEC) Consultation: Spring Consultation will be sometime in February 2026 Parent/Guardian Survey 2025: Parent/Guardian Survey – Draft was shared with the group. The launch date is tentatively for December 1 st and will close on January 16 The results will be shared with NAPAC to review before the School Board concurrence meeting.
Student Representative Updates	Eagan HS History Class: 65 questions in the history final students are not allowed to use a notecard. Are there limits to the number of questions a teacher can ask without allowing a notecard. Students shared their experience with the course load and pace. Thanksgiving: The true story of thanksgiving was shared. Students learned that a lot of people refer to it as “Turkey Day” instead of Thanksgiving.
NAPAC UPDATES	Teacher Resources: NAPAC and meeting attendees discussed what resources could be provided to teaching staff to support discussions about Thanksgiving Day. Teachers have access to the SMORE to help educate them on how to talk to students and families about Thanksgiving. NAPAC would like to find a solution in providing a consistent message for staff to share regarding Thanksgiving.

Open Discussion	NA
Adjournment	Motion to adjourn: Niibin Rowan Second by: Lily Brovold Meeting adjourned: 8:02 p.m.
Next meeting date:	Thursday, December 18 th , 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Silver Bell Learning Center Upcoming: Thursday, January 22 and Monday, February 9 th , 2026, Vote of Concurrence Presentation at Dakota Ridge