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Hastings Public Schools

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Native American Parent Advisory Council: Summary of January 9, 2025

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Attendance**
- III. **Old Business**
 - A. Needs secured for February Storytelling Event
- IV. **New Business**
 - A. **Winter Event**
 1. Missing needs
 - B. **Vote of Compliance**
 1. Executive or closed session meeting for Committee only
 2. February 26, 2025, on School Board Agenda for presentation.
 - C. **Tribal Consultation with TNEC**
 1. Last week in February
 2. Prairie Island
 - D. **District Updates**
 1. Administration
 - a) Proud to see the growth and strength of NAPAC
 - b) Hanging of Tribal Flags is set to take place at Hastings High School
 - (1) A date will be set
 - (2) NAPAC is working with the Tribal Nations in Minnesota to have them participate in the hanging of the flags.
 2. **Andrew Hodges (Teaching and Learning)**
 - a) Those attending MIEA
 3. **Alyssa Cherry (Native American Education Liaison)**
 - a) **Field Trips:** Elementary students are going to the Science Museum of Minnesota on February 7, 2025.
 - (1) Transportation cost: \$370.00
 - (2) Indigenous peoples enter the museum for free.
 - b) **Native Peer Groups:**
 - (1) **High School:** Made medicine bags in December and planned a medicine wheel mural for the new Native Ed classroom in January.
 - (2) **Middle School:** Made medicine bags together in December and in January talked about the medicine wheel teachings and ways

to keep their lives and selves balances, they also worked on a medicine wheel mural for the Middle School.

(3) **Elementary Schools:** Field trip upcoming. December included group beadwork. In January, they will read *The Jingle Dancer* by Cynthia Leitich together and practice some powwow dance styles together.

- c) **Individual student engagement:** No changes to current schedule of meeting times with students.
- d) **Data:** We have officially hit 100 students identified as Native American enrolled in Hastings Public Schools. Alyssa has reached out to Betsy Blackhawk to nail down timing and content details for an Indigenous language and culture class.
- e) **JOM:** Sent an updated JOM list to Billie Annette, JOM Coordinator of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. Updated JOM brochure guide for families has been developed and will be sent home with students. This will be accompanied by an email to families providing more information on JOM.
- f) **Dreamcatcher Project:** Alyssa Cherry, Andrew Hodges, and Dr. Tammy Champa will be attending the upcoming Dreamcatcher Winter Gathering Storytelling Event on Friday, January 24, 2025.

V. Upcoming Events

- A. February meeting - February 6, 2025, at Pleasant Hill Library
- B. February Winter Event: February 19, 2025
 - 1. Middle School Auditorium
 - 2. Reserved from 4:30 PM to 8:00 PM
 - 3. Social hour to begin at 5:30 PM
 - 4. Storytelling to begin at 6:00 PM
- C. March meeting - March 6, 2025, at Pleasant Hill Library
- D. Minnesota Indian Education Association (MIEA) Conference
 - 1. March 19-21
 - 2. Mystic Lake