



BRIDGE TO SUCCESS

# Hastings Public Schools

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## Native American Parent Advisory Council: Summary of September 6, 2024, Meeting

### I. Attendance

A. Joined by Betsy Blackhawk: Office of American Indian Education (OAIE)

### II. Updates from OAIE

A. Working hard to update all documentation on their website

1. Adding pieces to guidance, including allowable expenses
2. Changed the budget sheet to make completion and processing easier
3. Created a carryforward request form to allow for money from the previous FY into the next, with stipulations
  - a) Can be up to 50% of previous FY funds
  - b) District must be deemed concurrent
  - c) Tied to measurable goals
  - d) Due April 1
4. Updated District and AIPAC timelines: *What should we be working towards and when?*
5. New due dates to appeal MARSS numbers to aid in October child counts
6. Student numbers due June 1
7. OAIE is going to ask for applications right before school ends for grants
8. Aid application was updated
9. Created an American Indian Education Program Rubric to help districts and AIPACs set measurable goals

B. OAIE has new personnel and is hiring

C. Indigenous Education for All (IEFA)

1. Indigenous Education for All Responsibility Matrix to inform practice
2. Two new staff working in specialists roles to support IEFA
3. Goal is to close the achievement gap

D. Open meeting times with OAIE

1. Betsy Blackhawk

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2. In a Microsoft Teams virtual platform
  3. Monday (2:30 - 3:30 pm)
  4. Wednesday (2:30 - 3:30 pm)
  5. Friday (7:30 - 8:30 am)

### III. District Updates

#### A. Alyssa Cherry: Full-Time Liaison

1. Plans have been developed for Indigenous Peoples' Day and are extensive
  - a) Goals: One event per school to expose all district students to Indigenous culture through education.
2. College Visits
  - a) University of Minnesota - Twin Cities
    - (1) American Indian Visit Day
    - (2) Oct. 11, 2024
  - b) Native American College Fair
    - (1) October 21, 2024
    - (2) Minnesota History Center
3. Native Family Night
  - a) Suggesting once monthly Native Family Night open to all Native students and their families.
4. Native Clubs
  - a) High School: Twice monthly meetings
  - b) Middle School: Twice monthly meetings
  - c) Elementary Schools: Twice monthly meetings
5. Individual Student Engagement
  - a) Tuesdays: High School individual meetings
  - b) Wednesdays: High School in morning, elementary school in afternoon
  - c) Thursdays: Middle School
  - d) Fridays: Two elementary schools
6. Upcoming Costs
  - a) Flags
    - (1) One of each tribal flag of the 12 Minnesota tribes:
    - (2) \$1,079.88
  - b) Lunch for Students at Native American College Fair

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- (1) Estimated to be 33 people
  - (2) Estimated cost: \$660-700
  - c) Beadwork/Cultural Supplies
    - (1) Develop a cultural craft cart/station at each school.
    - (2) Budget suggestion: \$5000
      - (a) Negotiable
      - (b) NAPAC directed

#### B. Committee Updates

- 1. Election for Vice Chair pushed to October 3
- 2. AIEA Budget and Plan due **Nov 30, 2024**
  - a) \$75,000 for 2024-25
  - b) Andrew to work with Jen S. and present updates monthly
- 3. Date for other major events?
  - a) Winter Storytelling/Family Event
  - b) Graduate Honoring Ceremony

#### IV. Upcoming Dates

##### A. Next NAPAC Meetings

- 1. Thursday, October 3, 2024: Location HMS Media Center
- 2. Thursday, November 7, 2024: Location Pleasant Hill Library

##### B. NAPAC Fall Family Night

- 1. October 8, 2024
- 2. 6 PM
- 3. Pleasant Hill Library
- 4. Nashke Games
- 5. Food Truck

##### C. Indigenous Peoples' Day

- 1. October 14, 2024
- 2. Event at Pleasant Hill Library

##### D. Tribal Consultation with TNEC

- 1. Week of October 21-25, 2024

##### E. Winter Storytelling/Family Event

- 1. Tentatively: February 12, 2025

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2. Hastings Middle School Auditorium and Lobby
- F. Graduate Honoring Ceremony
1. May 6, 2025
  2. Hastings High School Commons