

Blackduck Public School District – American Indian Parent Advisory Committee (AIPAC) Monthly Meeting

07 May 2019 / 5:00 PM / Room 36

PARENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mark Kingbird – Chairman (np)
Bernadine Sargent – Vice Chair (p)
Cherish Kingbird – Student Rep (np)
Jeani Iceman – Teacher Rep (p)

Sonja Budde – Secretary (p)
Wendy Jourdain – General Rep (np)
Sarah Armstrong – AIE Coordinator (p)

MINUTES

Call to Order: Bernadine Sargent at 5:08 pm

Last Meeting Follow-up/Program Updates

- Program Updates:
 - Supply/Book Order: All orders that were approved have arrived. Native American students will not have to purchase school supplies for the 2019/2020 school year. Students can come to Room 36 during the Fall Open House or during the first week of school in the fall to pick up their supplies. Sarah will make this known in the May Newsletter.
 - Wood Carving Workshop: Throughout the month of May, Native American students in grades 5-8 will have the opportunity to participate in a series of Wood Carving Workshops with local Anishinaabeg artists Sharon and Andreas Nordrum. [Link to Permission Slip](#).
 - Friday, May 10th (G7/8 during 7th hour)
 - Friday, May 17th (G5/6 2:10-3:10) (G7/8 during 7th hour)
 - TBD: Week of May 21-24
 - Tutoring: Tutoring is going well. We service 11 students, grades 1-12 every Wed/Thurs. The last day of tutoring will be THURSDAY, MAY 16TH. Students can contact Mrs. Armstrong for 1:1 support if they need after-school help during finals.
 - Spring College Tour: 5 HS students, grades 9-12 went to Duluth on Thursday, May 2nd to tour Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College and University of Minnesota Duluth. The experience was extremely positive and informative.
 - [2018 MCA Achievement Gaps Report](#)
- Finalize Honoring Ceremony for Graduating Seniors:
 - A backup plan was created, should any aspect of our current plan fall through.
 - Sonja will contact Doug and Jayson Nelson to Keynote speak as a past-graduate.
 - Sarah contacted Theresa Templin to speak on behalf of the school Administration if Mark Lundin is unable to attend the event.
- Finalize Plaque Wording: The Committee voted to change the name of the program from the **American Indian Education Program of Blackduck Schools** to the **Native American Education Program of**

Blackduck Schools. This wording will now be used in all publications, program communications, and will be printed on the Senior plaques.

- Finalize Blackduck Staff Fall Professional Development Guest Speaker: Sarah will contact Sharon Nordrum for ideas if Mark is unable to secure Gerald White.

New Business/Planning

- MDE State Grant Budget Amendment proposal: Unanimously approved
- Federal Title VI Budget amendment proposal: Unanimously approved
 - Goal 3 which was: **Increase Native American Language Instruction** programs will be changed to: **Increase knowledge of cultural identity and awareness**
 - This will be achieved through:
 - Cultural enrichment workshops,
 - Native American education, including language and history
 - Family literacy with culturally-based materials
- Approve Paraeducator/Indian Home-School Liaison for 2019/2020
 - The FY19 Budget will allow the program to hire a paraeducator. Terry Pater agreed to return. The committee unanimously approved re-hiring her.
- ~~Request to nominate student(s) for VIP Leadership Retreat:~~ The deadline passed on Friday, May 3rd.
- Request for Sarah to apply for 2019 Native Studies Summer Workshop for Educators which will be June 17th-21st in Red Lake: Unanimously approved

Adjourn: Bernadine Sargent at 6:45 pm.