

# Shawano School District Title VI

## Parents Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

Meeting Called to Order by Sofie Cloud at 5:37 pm

1. Roll Call: Sofie Cloud, Tracy Lobermier, Shannon Chapman, Starlyn Miller, Megan, Nicky, Crystal Lepscier, Calista Miller, Kurt Krizan, Jamie Kriewaldt, Lainy Peters, Marci Hawpetoss, Milan Hameed, Taylor DePerry, Cassandra Penass
2. Moment of Silence - dedicated to those who are dealing with sickness
3. Approve Minutes from December 8th, 2021  
Motion to approve meeting minutes with changes made by Starlyn Miller  
Second by Crystal Lepscier  
All approve, Motion passes.
4. Budget Update (from District):  
No new budget expenditures at this time, since December. But will update salary and benefits for the year and include it in the next packet.
5. Title VI Staff:
  - a) Update Act 31 - Mr. Manders was going to speak to this but he was not present at tonight's meeting. He did reach out to all of the building principals to inquire as to how this is incorporated in each school. We can table this until the next meeting.
  - b) Staff updates -
    - i) Hillcrest and Brener have been incorporating Seven Generations programming. We still have access. Jamie visited classrooms and provided information on the program. Have been using the Speros quite often at Olga Brener. Working on new programming next week - music classrooms at Hillcrest in Brener - sharing Bow wow Pow wow in classrooms.
    - ii) Middle School - struggling to find the Title VI person. Really could use extra help there.
    - iii) High School - filling in a few periods for enhancement.
    - iv) Working on data updates and instructional coaching.
  - c) 3rd Grade First Nations Fur Trade Era Instruction
    - i) Looking for local people to come in and give information that is current and can be connected to the past.
    - ii) The Menominee Historic Preservation Department would be a good resource (David Grignon is the Director). John Teller would also be a good resource person.
  - d) February: Jennifer Gauthier at the high school.
  - e) March: PAC Presenters at the high school.

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- f) ACT Practice at high school - the high school is providing pre-ACT on a more targeted level, versus a broader scale. Jamie is meeting with students to talk about test taking strategies. Tracy asked about funding allocation in the Title VI budget for ACT practice (\$800). Star commented that this is something that still should be incorporated because it was a need. Kurt - there was a group that came in before to help with this and the district is not seeing the increase in scores. What does help is having students retake the ACT. The test will be on March 8th. Kurt will see if helping families with re-taking the test is an allowable cost. He will update us by email. If we are going to reallocate these funds, we should have a conversation.
- g) Calista - was out with covid and getting back into the swing of things. Asking for pictures and stories that she can share in the music classrooms that she can share. Powwow stories and pictures. She has a few of her own but not a lot. This will start next Tuesday, February 15th - so send it to her before then.
- h) Milan - asking when the pow wow will take place at whichever school; and will she just be focusing on pow wows? Is this a unit in school that covers pow wows - or is there more
- i) Jamie shared that Calista read a story called Thunder's Hair and they focused on hair. Each month she is reading a different story and highlighting a different topic.
- j) Star - shared the background and appreciation for Milan's comments. k) Milan - would like to see more in depth teaching about indigenous history. He sees it as more western history focused and feels that there is so much more than can be taught.
- l) Star - we totally agree and would like to have these conversations as to how we can create this; steps are already being taken with incorporating a Historical Trauma training.
- m) Sofie - commented on pow wows and the history.
- n) Tracy - Calista's work is valuable - and there is way more that we need to do.

### 6. Update Sub-Committees

#### a. Professional Development - Sofie

Richard Gonzalez update: Need to postpone until next fall due to covid  
Sofie would like to attend "Being an ally in Indian Country." 3/15-3/16  
It is \$199 per computer. Through "Native Wellness."  
Understanding oppression and trauma; working with leaders in Indian Country; racism, decolonization and privilege

\*Anyone interested in helping Sofie on PD, please contact her via email

#### b. Strategic Planning - Starlyn

Marci has information for Star regarding assessing community programming; also Jennifer Gauthier would be a resource person for Strategic Planning. Star and Marci have connected.

Star and Marci have put the survey together and would like PAC input on the survey before sharing it out.

c. Fundraising/Cultural Events/Calendar - Tracy & Youth

Tracy has met with the PAC youth reps during lunch. Would like their help in planning senior recognition day: input for gift, event, etc. Maybe a blanket or beaded lanyard. Talked about fundraising.

7. Public/Student Comment - 3 min time max/Pre-sign up

a) Student comment - when he is struggling in school he doesn't have anyone to go to. In middle school he had Miss Carroll. In high school there isn't anyone. On top of that, there are AODA issues that should be addressed. Indigenous history and post-colonialism are topics that need to be taught. Students are distanced from their own culture and don't know their own culture. (What can we do about that? Should we have singing and drumming? Other classes?) One thing I thought of is that in high school, foreign language is required. Feels Menominee Language should be offered and counted toward the language requirement. How could we incorporate this within the high school schedule? It likely would need to be done out of school. What is there to do when there is nothing to do - students turn to drinking, smoking.

i) Discussion about different ways to address this type of programming; Lac du Flambeau Public Schools has a Cultural Connections program for their students and families - maybe learn more about their program to get ideas.

8. Upcoming Events/Planning (TABLE/ADD TO TOP OF AGENDA AT NEXT MTG.)

- o March 7: MMIW Awareness Day - School Board Meeting

- o April: Title VI Public Hearing Meeting - Set Date
- o May: Senior Recognition - Set Date
- o Native Pathways Update

9. Other business

10. Adjourn - Quorum was lost so we ended the meeting at 6:45 P.M. (Some of the PAC members have Menominee Language class on Wednesday evenings)

Next Meeting - March 9th, 2022

