

**Mesa Public Schools  
Native American Education Program**

PAC Meeting Minutes  
February 26, 2008

**Opening:**

The Mesa Public Schools Native American Education Program Public Meeting was called to order at 6:05 on February 26, 2008 in by Harlietta Mitchell.

**Present:**

Eleanor Beeson, NAEP	Theresa N Price, NAEP Director
Reba Whiteshirt, SHIELD teacher	Cheyenne Weston, Student
Marilou Schultz, SHIELD teacher	Harlietta Mitchell, PAC Chairperson
Terrance Beeson, NAEP	Audri Mitchell, Student
Carolyn Wong, Volunteer	April Tutt, Parent
Mikaela Crank, NAEP	Delvin Tutt, Parent
Shantal Martinez, NAEP	Marie Baptisto, Parent
Chelsea Begay, Student	James Nez, Parent
Victor Begay, Volunteer	Nancy Nez, Parent

**A. Introductions**

Harlietta Mitchell welcomed all in attendance, introductions were made of parents, NAEP staff and SHIELD teachers. Meeting turned over to Theresa.

**B. Review of policy**

Theresa reviewed the Native American Education District Policy (IGAK) and the MPS Native American Parent Committee Constitution and Bylaws. They will be reviewed at the March 6 Executive PAC meeting for updates and revisions.

**C. Program Goals and Information**

The goals of the program are to improve the attendance and academics of Native American students as supplemental services. Services that have been provided are:

- 1) Two SHIELD classes at Westwood High School
- 2) Support services by home school liaisons
- 3) National Native American Honor Society
- 3) Mesa and Scottsdale Community College HOOPS programs
- 4) Eaglewings Newsletter
- 5) Family Culture Nights
- 6) Navajo Clothing Program and the NAEP website.

SHIELD teachers: Marilou Schultz and Reba White Shirt and Victor Begay (volunteer) shared what students do and learn in their classes. It was shared that students in the SHIELD classes were passing more classes and were staying enrolled in more classes.

Attendance, AIMS, graduation and dropout information was shared.

The estimate budgets for school year 2008-09 were:

Title VII \$447,504

Impact Aid Regular Education \$34,715.74

Impact Aid Special Education \$192,190.00

Johnson O'Malley \$36,288.00

The recommendations for 2008-09 are to:

- 1) Have 1 SHIELD classroom at Westwood with 2 certified teachers and 1 home school liaison
- 2) Select 2 junior high schools to have SHIELD with 1 teacher at each school
- 3) Continue the Home School Liaison services to meet needs of students at all schools.

There were no objections to the budget or services for next year.

The NAEP summer activities included:

- 1) Reading Program for k-12<sup>th</sup> grade
- 2) Summer School Tracking
- 3) Weekly Family Culture Nights
- 4) Title VII Forms

She also shared the parent committee calendar dates and staff lists.

#### **D. Parent Concerns and Open Issues**

- 1) Special education process did not continue with a student and now the student is having academic difficulties.
- 2) Acknowledge elementary students for good attendance.
- 3) Find a way to network about sports camps and programs for Native students to participate.

Theresa and staff will follow through with the stated concerns.

#### **Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:51pm by Harlietta Mitchell. The next general meeting will be at 6pm in on March 6 at Mesa Public Schools Student Services Building

Minutes submitted by: Terrance Beeson

Approved by: Theresa Price