

NESHOBA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Indian Education Committee Meeting
10/2/17 5:30 PM
Location: NCMS Library

The meeting started on time with eight people in attendance: Vickey Timmons (IEC Coordinator); Sundry Bounds (NCMS teacher representative); Penny Hill (District Representative); Cody Killen (NCES representative); Terry Ben (parent of Native American students at NCHS and NCES); Marsha Pinter (NCHS teacher representative); Lena Tucker (parent of Native American student at NCMS); and Kelly Tubby (parent of Native American student at NCES).

Distributed at the meeting were: Indian Education Committee (IEC) member list with contact info; a proposed meeting schedule for the IEC; scheduled School Board meetings; student enrollment breakdown of NCSD showing approximately 13% of student population to be Native American; and the proposed new Indian Policies and Procedures (IPP).

The wording of the IPP was discussed, a few minor changes were made and it was agreed to have it submitted to the NCSD Board Meeting in October.

Other suggestions made at the meeting include:

1. A Native American Club at NCHS – modeled on the one at East Central.
2. On Communication and Consultation with Native Americans: Contact Misty Dreyfuss with the Tribe to send out blast emails to tribal members who have students in the District and to include notices/minutes of IEC meetings as another method of communication. Also have Native American students deliver notes home from school to their parents about meetings, events, and other notices.
3. In the future, consider giving excused absence to Native Americans for two cultural holidays: Nanih Waya Day (2nd Friday in August) and Native American Day (3rd Friday in September).
4. Native American Tutors: inquire about having one at NCHS, especially for English II; all NA Tutors be used not just for Tier students but other areas as well (STAR testing, etc).
5. An annual Field trip for NCHS students to the Agriculture Center on the Reservation.
6. Each school provides a comprehensive list of programs, clubs and activities to Native American students to encourage participation.
7. Host an open meeting for Native American parents for the purpose of explaining the survey that will be distributed to all NCSD students on December 1, 2017. The meeting will be held on November 1, 2017, from 5:30-6:30 at NCHS library.