

NAEAC: 26JAN2026 MEETING MINUTES  
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 525PM

**AGENDA:**

1. NEW BUSINESS
2. OLD BUSINESS
3. TREASURER'S REPORT
4. DIRECTORS REPORT

**ATTENDEES:**

- Racheal J.
- Angela M.
- Jayleen C.
- Crystal
- Tina B.
- Gracie H.
- Yesenia A.
- Rosemarie F.
- Felicia L.
- Roxanne J.

**1. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Racheal J. provided an update to the members regarding the status of the Desert Diamond submission for the meal/monetary request. As of 26 January 2026, the necessary documentation, which includes information pertinent to the May event, was transmitted via email back to Desert Diamond Community Relations on 21 January 2026.
- b. Meeting minutes from both December and January will be formally introduced as new business items for consideration at the February meeting.

**2. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. STUDENT INCENTIVES
  - i. Honor Roll Certificates for students will be sent out via mail by NASS on 9Feb2026 for approximately 420 students
    1. ACTION ITEM: 420 CERTIFICATES REQUESTED FROM PARENT COMMITTEE
- b. END OF YEAR STUDENT RECOGNITION:
  - i. STUDENTS:

- ii. Middle and High school students who have achieved the Academic (4.0 GPA) or Warrior (3.25 GPA, participation in a fine art or sport, and an attendance record of at least 90%) award criteria are eligible.
- iii. High School Seniors are included.
- iv. K-12 students who maintained perfect attendance during the last semester are also eligible.
- v. The estimated number of students is as follows: 200 seniors, 190 middle school students, and 35 students with perfect attendance.
- vi. **FOOD AND CATERING:**
  - 1. Question from a parent regarding the source of funds: Funds are sourced from donations. If the NAEAC opts to utilize TUSD funds, the expenditure must be for food purchased exclusively from the TUSD cafeteria.
  - 2. Alternative Options (other than TUSD cafeteria food):
    - a. Soliciting food donations from community members: Utilizing a Safeway Purchase Order (PO)? In this scenario, NASS would procure the food ingredients, and the community member would prepare the meal.
- vii. **ENTERTAINMENT:**
- viii. **Drum Group Topic:** The local drum group has been requested to attend the student recognition event. The drum group prefers to receive payment on the day of the event.
  - 1. Cost: The fee is \$250.
  - 2. Payment Issue with TUSD: The District's policy is to process payments within two weeks following the event.
  - 3. NASS Inquiry: NASS has inquired about the possibility of issuing the payment directly from NAEAC funds.
  - 4. Alternative Payment Method: Consideration of whether the District could reimburse a parent who pays the group. Roxanne will investigate this option.

### **3. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- a. N/A

### **4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

- a. **NASS Staff Update:**
  - i. A new staff member, Charlie, was hired as the MTSS Facilitator, commencing employment in December 2025.
- b. **IndigiFriends Program:** Thirteen campuses were visited by NASS staff. Activities included reading literature from a Native American perspective and completing related assignments. This program focuses on campuses with low numbers of Native American students.
- c. **Honor Roll:** The relevant data was shared (refer to previous details).

- d. **Professional Learning Day (PLD) - February 4, 2026:** NASS will conduct a presentation for high school staff. The NASS training will focus on traditional regalia and the final senior meeting of the year for TUSD.
- e. **Half-Days - February 19 and 20:** These dates are scheduled for Parent-Teacher Conferences.
- f. **Next Meeting:** The subsequent meeting is scheduled for February 23.
- g. **Rodeo Break:** There will be no school on February 26-27.

## 5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- a. Drum group (discussion added to student recognition topic above)
- b. Roles & Responsibilities: NASS AND NAEAC
  - i. The goal of NASS is to gradually transition the responsibility for conducting the meetings back to the parents serving on the committee.
  - ii. This transition includes the parents compiling the agenda items/topics.
  - iii. Recently, low parent attendance prompted NASS to keep the committee open to interested parents. However, NASS must now release these responsibilities, which the parents need to assume and carry forward.
  - iv. For instance, NASS requests that a few parent representatives offer brief remarks at the beginning of the student recognition event regarding the parent committee.
  - v. Questions regarding the bylaws:
    - 1. The NAEAC Bylaws require two students and two teachers for committee membership.
      - a. NASS concurs; historically, students from the youth council have volunteered their service.
      - b. Teachers recommended during the meeting include G. Pete, A. Tsosie, and S. Brown.
      - c. ACTION ITEM: Parents will compose and submit a formal letter to Roxanne for distribution to teachers through TUSD channels.
- c. Regarding Communications:
  - i. Parents requested meeting minutes be posted on the NASS website. Felicia offered to forward any information parents want on the website to the IT/Website manager.
  - ii. Yesenia A. suggested using postcards to increase parent/grandparent engagement, as some have limited tech access. A postcard example with a QR code yielded a big response. NAEAC should consider budgeting for printed postcards sent home with students.
  - iii. Angela M. requested a consistent monthly meeting time and the creation of a parent social media account.
  - iv. Yesenia suggested social media, radio stations (including Pueblo High School's), and the local San Xavier station for Youth Council outreach.
- d. Final Announcement:

- i. ANGELA M.: The Global Conference (Indigenous Data Sovereignty and Governance Summit) will be held in April at Casino Del Sol. Students from HAISAN will be participating. A call for volunteers is being issued to assist with the conference operations, seeking participation from both students and parents.

#### ACTION ITEMS:

- Roxanne B. will coordinate with printing vendors regarding postcards for future mailings to parents.
- Racheal J. and Angela M. are tasked with soliciting incentives from local dining establishments.
- Peter Piper - Racheal J
- Panda Express - Racheal
- Raising Canes- Angela M
- Red Robin
- Olive Garden
- Portillos - Requested Through Pta Or Parent Group
- Freddy's - Angela M
- Panera Bread
- Mcdonalds - Angela M

Racheal J. is responsible for composing a formal letter from NAEAC requesting participation from teachers.