



BRIDGE TO SUCCESS

Hastings Public Schools

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Native American Parent Advisory Council: Summary of August 6, 2026

- I. Call to Order
- II. Old Business
- III. New Business

A. District Updates

- 1. School Board Future Work
 - a) Discussion regarding upcoming US Highway 61 Project
 - b) Planning for Board Director school site visits
 - c) Referendum
 - (1) Discussion
 - (2) Community Survey Planning
 - (3) Revoke and replace
 - d) Student Board Representative Discussion
 - e) Permanent School Funding
 - (1) Amendment to Constitution of Minnesota
 - (2) Not indicating a choice is equivalent to a "No" vote
 - f) School Board Elections
 - (1) Three open seats
 - (2) Five candidates
- 2. Dr. Kristine Wehrkamp-Herman: Superintendent
 - a) Both Native Language positions are still open
 - (1) Exploring recruitment strategies
 - (2) Difficulty as all open positions are drawing from the same pool
- 3. Cyan Peacock-Hale: Native American Education Liaison
 - a) Fall Feast
 - (1) Celebrating flags being put up at each site
 - (2) Food trucks
 - (3) August 29, 2026
 - (4) Curriculum Center
 - b) Weekend of moccasin making
 - (1) In contact with Sara Howes from Heart Berry
 - (2) October 3-4, 2026
 - (3) Enough material to support 15 people
 - (4) Curriculum Center
 - c) Ribbon Skirts and Ribbon Shirts
 - (1) February 20-21, 2027

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- (2) Curriculum Center
 - d) Professional Development
 - (1) In contact with Ricky White
 - (2) CEO of First Nations Consultants
 - (3) Provides PD in best practices
 - e) Indigenous Peoples' Day
 - (1) Dan Ninham providing instruction in gym classes
 - (2) Arts
 - (a) Musicians
 - (b) Authors
 - (c) Powwow
 - (d) Drumming
 - (3) Themed lunch(es)
 - (a) Taher
 - (b) Ethan Denny-Broker

B. NAPAC Updates

- 1. Tribal flags were ordered and we are waiting on arrival
 - a) Scouted locations with building sites
 - b) Locations will be in the cafeteria at each site
- 2. Tables at Open House
 - a) Hastings High School
 - (1) August 26, 2026
 - (2) 5-7 PM
 - b) Hastings Middle School
 - (1) August 25, 2026
 - (2) 5-7 PM

IV. Future Events

A. September Meeting

- 1. Curriculum Center
- 2. September 3, 2026
- 3. 6:00 PM

B. Graduation Ceremony

- 1. Tuesday, May 4, 2027
- 2. Hastings High School Commons