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Monday, April 15th Agenda & Meeting Notes

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Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Students in our District
- AIPAC Role
 - Bylaws
- Update & Reflection on Goals for Indian Education Plan for the 2023-2024 school year
 - American Indian Education Advisor Position
 - Family Engagement Activities
- Ideas/Goals for next year
- Diversity Fest Invitation
 - Invite families
 - Participate at event with food/culture; there was drumming there this year
- Feedback and Questions



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Present-Theresa Ziebarth, Michelle Flaten & Darcy Josephson

I. Welcome/Introductions

II. Students in our District

- Reviewed updated numbers
 - Elementary 39
 - Middle School 16
 - High School 10
 - Total Number of Students 65

III. AIPAC Role

- Discussion about updating Bylaws over the summer to present at first AIPAC meeting in September 2024
- Focus on increasing participation from families for next year (see notes under Goals & Planning for Next Year)

IV. Goals for Indian Education Plan 2023-2024 school year

- Plan was finally approved by MDE on Sunday, March 24th, 2024
 - Discussed progress towards goals for each area
 - Celebrations-All seniors on track towards graduation and have a post-secondary plan
 - Almost all middle and high school students are on track towards graduation
 - Both family engagement activities were very successful and deserve celebration
 - A lot of positive feedback from staff about the opportunities provided from James Vukelich, Anton Treuer & Hillary Baron to develop historical and cultural understanding of American Indians
- Plan for one more family engagement activity that will coordinate with Books in a Bag to build students own American Indian library before the end of the year

V. Goals and Planning for Next Year

- Change format for AIPAC meetings. We will start with a meal, introduce an activity for children which they can work on while other family members participate at the AIPAC meeting. We will do this quarterly with the first meeting taking place in September 2024.
- In addition to the four family engagement activities coordinating with AIPAC meetings, we will offer two more family engagement events. We would like to make the Family Meals a regular event. Other possible events: quilling, ribbon skirts, beading.

- Continue to refine and update curriculum for Indigenous People's Day and Thanksgiving. Goal is to have this ready during Workshop week for teachers.
- Have Darlene St. Clair work with teachers again to help build more background knowledge.

VI. Feedback and Questions

- See notes above about Goals & Planning for Next Year