

UINTAH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bylaws of the Title VII Indian Education Indian Parent Advisory Committee

ARTICLE I
NAME OF COMMITTEE

The name of this committee will be: Uintah School District Title VII Indian Parent Advisory Committee, hereafter referred to as the Indian Parent Advisory Committee.

ARTICLE II
PURPOSE OF INDIAN PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Indian Parent Advisory Committee is required by Title VII, Part A, Subpart 1, Section 7114, C, 4 of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. The purpose of the Indian Parent Advisory Committee shall be to assist Uintah School District in fulfilling the Federal Government's unique and continuing trust relationship toward the goal of ensuring that programs that serve Indian children are of the highest quality and provide for not only the basic elementary and secondary educational needs, but also the unique educational and culturally related academic needs of these children.

To achieve this purpose, the Indian Parent Advisory Committee shall assist Uintah School District in developing, operating and evaluating the Title VII Indian Education project based on the unique educational and culturally related academic needs of Indian children for whom Uintah School District is providing an education. Composition of Indian Parent Advisory Committee shall be in accordance with Section 7114, C, 4 of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

Section 1: The Indian Parent Advisory Committee shall meet with the district Title VII liaison on a regular basis to discuss the overall operation and ongoing activities of the Indian Education Program and any proposals for extensions or changes in the project.

Section 2: The Indian Parent Advisory Committee, in cooperation with the Ute Indian Tribe's Education Board and the Uintah School District will develop an appropriate education plan based on the priorities of Indian students' needs, Through this joint effort, the Indian Parent Advisory Committee shall:

- A. Provide opportunity to parents of Indian students to comment on the Indian student's participation on an equal basis in all educational programs and activities of the Uintah School District.
- B. Assist Uintah School District to assign, operate, monitor and evaluate the Indian Education Project with accountability to Indian people for the education of Indian children.
- C. Support Uintah School District's effort to identify and certify all eligible Indian students as required by Section 7117.
- D. Support the Ute Indian Tribe's efforts to provide the highest quality education to its tribal members.

- Section 3: The Indian Parent Advisory Committee will assist in reviewing additions or changes, or to express relevant concerns regarding the Indian Education Project.
- A. The following materials will be disseminated annually to the parents of Indian students and the Ute Tribe Education Board:
 - a. Title VII Application;
 - b. Evaluation of programs assisted with Title VII funds for native students;
 - c. Program plans and information related to the education programs of the Uintah School District; and
 - d. Assessment testing data regarding all students in the Uintah School District.
- Section 4: The Indian Parent Advisory Committee will regularly review the overall plan to assess progress in meeting the objectives of the Indian Education Project.
- A. When assessment data indicate Indian students are not participating on an equal basis with non-Indian students or making appropriate progress, the Indian Parent Advisory Committee will recommend a plan or proposal to modify educational programs or services in order to attain equal participation or appropriate progress. This plan/proposal will be presented to the Uintah School Board.
 - B. The project proposal will be consistent with and supportive of school board policies and shall be subject to final approval by the Uintah School District Board of Education and Ute Tribal Education Board.
 - C. Recommendations for the Indian Education Project may be made to the district Indian Education Title VII liaison. The Title VII liaison will compile recommendations and present them to the Indian Parent Advisory Committee for review and possible inclusion in the Indian Education Project plan.
- Section 5: Hiring of personnel paid through Title VII funds will follow Uintah School District hiring policies. The Human Resource Department and principals will be encouraged to invite a member of the Title 7 Indian Parent Advisory Committee to participate in application reviews and/or interviews.

ARTICLE III

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: The following are eligible to serve as members of the Indian Parent Advisory Committee:

- A. Parents of Indian children who will participate in the proposed project, including persons acting as guardians.
- B. Teachers, counselors, principals of schools served through Indian Education Projects and the district Title VII liaison.
- C. Native American secondary school students, if enrolled in Uintah School District schools.
- D. Other interested family members of Indian students, as long as the ratio of parents of Indian students to the committee as a whole is at least 51% parents of Indian students.

Section 2: Selection and terms:

- A. Indian Parent Advisory Committee membership shall consist of the following:
 1. Six (6) representatives from Eagle View Elementary to be elected by a majority vote of parents of Native American students attending Eagle View.
 2. Two (2) representatives from Lapoint Elementary to be elected by a majority vote of parents of Native American students attending Lapoint.
 3. Two (2) representatives appointed by the Ute Tribe Education Board.
 4. The administrators of Eagle View Elementary and Lapoint Elementary.
 5. The District Title VII Liaison
- B. At least 51% of the members of the committee must be parents of Indian children, who will be served by proposed projects, including persons acting in loco parentis.
- C. An individual may continue to be a member of the committee only as long as he or she is eligible under Section 1.
- D. Membership term is for two (2) years. Re-election for additional terms is possible.
- E. Any member of the Indian Parent Advisory Committee may resign by submitting a written resignation.

- F. Membership in the Indian Parent Advisory Committee can not be transferred.
- G. Vacancies will be filled by a majority vote of the Indian Parent Advisory Committee membership present. The next member will serve only for the remaining term of the vacating member.

Section 3: Membership shall automatically be terminated from the Indian Parent Advisory Committee for, any of the following reasons:

- A. Three consecutive unexcused absences from regularly scheduled meetings unless an exception is agreed upon by the Indian Parent Advisory Committee.
- B. Any activities deemed by the majority of the Indian Parent Advisory Committee as inconsistent with the purpose of the Committee.

Section 4: The Indian Parent Advisory Committee membership duties shall be to:

- A. Attend all meetings when called or scheduled.
- B. Provide advice and input relative to project operations and, whenever possible, willingly and unselfishly use abilities for the good of the cause.
- C. Familiarize themselves with the rules and regulations and all correspondence relative to Title VII of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 and any and all pertinent information dealing with the state and the district.
- D. Officers will attend any necessary training provided by the project.
- E. Although all parents are welcome at Indian Parent Advisory Committee meetings to give input or express concerns, only members of the committee who have been duly elected or appointed (Section 2.A above) shall have the right to vote when the committee conducts its official business.

Section 5: The powers of the Indian Parent Advisory Committee are outlined as follows:

- A. The Indian Parent Advisory Committee shall have no power to enter into contracts of any nature or to spend project funds.
- B. Final written approval of the project proposal, by the Indian Parent Advisory Committee, is necessary before submission to Office of Indian Education in Washington D.C.
- C. The Indian Parent Advisory Committee reserves the right to sponsor fund raisers for special needs programs, i.e., conferences, pow-wows. etc.
- D. No Indian Parent Advisory Committee generated funds will be spent without prior approval of a majority of Indian Parent Advisory Committee membership present.

ARTICLE IV
SUB-COMMITTEE

Section 1: Sub-committees: The Indian Parent Advisory Committee may establish the following standing sub-committees each year at the first monthly Indian Parent Advisory Committee meeting following the Indian Parent Advisory Committee elections:

- A. Bylaws
- B. Cultural Education
- C. Fund Raising
- D. Needs Assessment

Other AD-HOC Sub-committees may be formed periodically (or combined) throughout the year for the duration of a special project as deemed necessary by the Indian Parent Advisory Committee.

Volunteers from the Indian Parent Advisory Committee or community may serve on standing or temporary committees.

ARTICLE V
OFFICERS

Section 1: The following officers will be selected annually during the regular September Indian Parent Advisory Committee meeting:

- A. President
- B. Vice President
- C. Secretary/Treasurer

Section 2: Selection and Terms of Office:

- A. Indian Parent Advisory Committee officers shall be selected by majority vote of committee members present at the meeting.
- B. The length of service of Indian Parent Advisory Committee officers will be one year.

Section 3: Duties of Officers:

- A. Duties of the president will be:
 - 1. Have knowledge of the major rules of parliamentary procedure for conducting a meeting.

2. Set meeting agendas.
3. Conduct Indian Parent Advisory Committee meetings in an orderly and timely manner.
4. Supervise raising of non-district/non-federal funds to support Indian Parent Advisory Committee activities.
5. Oversee expenditure of funds raised under item #4 above.
6. Present or appoint designee to present recommendations or modification to the Title VII Indian Education Plan to the Uintah School Board.

B. Duties of the vice president will be:

1. Assist the president in his/her duties.
2. Conduct meetings in the absence of the president.
3. Assume the duties of the president in the case of his/her resignation or inability to serve.

C. Duties of the secretary/treasurer will be:

1. Prepare meeting agenda under the direction of the president.
2. Record the minutes of all Indian Parent Advisory Committee meetings.
3. Prepare printed minutes for approval by the committee.
4. Maintain and account for non-district Indian Parent Advisory Committee funds raised to support approved activities.