

SPS Native Parent Committee Meeting
November 14, 2023
Meeting held via Zoom and In-person

Online Attendees:

Kathleen Bigsmoke-Mitchell

Raechel Allen, SV Counselor

In-Person Attendees:

Heather Metrokin Cannon

Shane Garcia

Barbara Gongyin

Louise Sevilla

Felisha White

Mark Ramos, SCC Presenter

1. Discussion Topics:

New this year, SPS Native Education is working on exploring and presenting resources for students.

Attendee Question: How do parents find out what is happening at their child's school? Due to limited resources the schools that have the highest number of Native children have the Native Ed resources. Tamika is working on getting a newsletter out to parents at the same time each year.

2. Presenter: Mark Ramos, Workforce Transitions Office, SCC Adult Basic Education

SCC has different grant programs available for both credit 2 year programs and 1 year certification programs and non-credit college classes for college prep, career transitions, GED, ESL, worker retraining, special skilled trade preparations. All non-credit program classes are \$25.00. The SCC staff will listen to the intake stories and then look for grants so they can make an application for services for example - worker retraining, displaced homemaker, HS diploma or GED required by the employer. The TANF work first grant can pay for some things and the BFET worker retraining grant can pay for a laptop, parking pass, pay for the 25.00 class, books, hotspot and other things. Each grant program has different reporting requirements. Emergency

grants for students one time per year are also available for seven different categories such as technology, rent, childcare, etc. CDL is a 6-week program and can be covered which helps students become apprentices. Check out the SCC website Specially Funded Programs page at <https://scc.spokane.edu/For-Our-Students/Getting-Help/Specially-Funded-Programs>

Parent comments: College and career program awareness like running start and what is offered at the Skills Center for parents to help them with advising their own children.

January Meeting will have the BECCA or HEART program.

February meeting will be for the college readiness event by Native Education.

3. Upcoming Events

A.) College Readiness: Tuesday, November 21, 2023, 6:00 pm hosted by the Native Project.