

Duluth American Indian Education Program
June 2020

Meetings with AIPAC

4/28/2020

During this particular meeting I shared information on the MDE project I was a part of and told them all I would keep them posted on any other details.

5/19/2020

During this meeting we talked about the response from the SB in regards to the Resolution of Concurrence/Non-Concurrence. We talked about system change to positively impact our students and families of DPS.

June 2020 meeting with 4 AIPAC parents

I did not have the "set" of questions but I have rough draft ones that I utilized:

1. What is your experience in the schools as parents/grandparents?
2. What made those experiences successful?
3. How do you feel about the content that is being taught?

These are the responses in number order:

(1)

Positive, feel welcomed maybe because I have had kids and grandkids in the school district for many years. Helpful I have kids in sports to be in the schools and more present.

Good for the most part, my kid is in 4th grade now and have been able to be more present.

It was always a good experience

I depended on the schools and who I came into contact with

(2)

Sports and attending school events have made it more successful. And attending conferences. Having relationships with teachers

Attending family nights and PTA students events. Relationships with teachers

Great teachers and building administrators

My students attending school and having good teacher relationships

(3)

The curriculum could be better, more inclusive of all cultural backgrounds. More resources and training for teachers on American Indians of Minnesota

My child is in an immersion program so I enjoy the curriculum. Not sure what it will be like in middle and high school though

When my children were in school they had horrible experiences with some of the curriculum. It was not historically correct.

It definitely needs to reflect communities of color and American Indians.