

Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Student Success Advisory Group Meeting May 8, 2025, 11-1pm

Time	Торіс	Description	Presenter(s)
11:00am	Community Building	Pilina: relationship building	Advisory Members
11:50am	Break		
12:00pm	Meeting Opened to the Public Opening Protocol Agenda overview ODE updates	Meeting Opened to the Public Opening Protocol: Advisory members to provide opening protocol Agenda Overview ODE Updates: This is the third year ODE has held in-person town hall events across the state To date this year ODE has held: Total of over 100 attendees at in-person town halls Tabled at 3 community events It's been very rewarding bringing awareness of this program to the community and youth that didn't know it existed. Two more online town halls coming up next week: May 13th: 12-1pm & 5-6pm All Advisory Group members who are able are invited to attend & provide support Working with ODE's Research, Assessment, Data, Accountability Reporting (RADAR) to compile the community feedback which will then help us to assess and incorporate this information into the permanent NHPI plan. Member feedback: Is there an ability to partner with data with other state agencies such as Oregon Health Authority in order to better capture the larger picture of mental health, graduation rates, etc.? DDE: Yes, ODE is working to build and use all of the narrative data available to better share the work and goals of this program. Once we have a better grasp of what this may look like we will bring it to the group for comment before moving forward.	Advisory Members ODE Staff Chair Galago
		Advisory Group members who will be sunsetting out of the group	

		this summer, please look for an upcoming email to schedule an exit interview	
12:15pm	Village Share-Outs	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Village Share-Outs: Lei Pikake Share Out: Assigned to review NHPI SSP Goals 2,5 & 6 Highlights: Community voice grounded our work and discussions surrounding: Mental Health: Focusing on drafting a NEW goal for the plan to include emotional well-being for our community Community-Centered Work: Collaboration with our community is key to addressing their needs. Data Gaps: Gaining insights from our community is key to informing future initiatives. Call to Action: Include more Pacific Islander voices within the NHPI SSP Recommendations for Strengthening NHPI-SSP Lei Puakenikeni Share Out: Assigned to review NHPI SSOP Goals 1,3 & 4 Highlights: Need for curriculum to be designed & focusing on how to elevate and validate NHPI identities Considered what CBOs are currently doing, and how they can help with this Looked at how systems/places integrate culture into education	Chair Galago Advisory Members
12:40pm	NHPI SSP Grant Updates Grantee Presentation	 We currently have 15 Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Grantees who are working to serve plan youth across the state. The grant cycle spans 2024-2028, allowing grantees to prioritize the long term work necessary to remove barriers and promote student success. Grantee Presentations: Hillsboro School District (HSD): Being awarded this grant has allowed HSD to complete a deep dive for NHPI literature and books that highlight culture and ethnicity. Created curriculum for educators to spread knowledge about the rich background cultural understanding with students. 	Carol Matsuzaki, ODE & NHPI SSP Grantees

- Focus on growing inclusivity through spreading understanding and awareness.
- Have also been able to hold cultural events for students and families that encourage community.
- HSD contains roughly 940 families that identify either wholly or in part as NH/PI.
 - Will be reaching out to all these families to join an upcoming event and share ways in which HSD can support them better.
 - Will be hiring a cultural Family Liaison to support these NH/PI communities
 - Many of these families identify as multi-racial so we are working diligently to create connections and build community

Pacific Islander Community Organization (PICO):

- Their mission is to create a culturally responsible space where students can thrive and succeed.
- Many community students can feel overlooked in the current system, it is important to provide spaces for these youth to thrive.
- Many of these students face barriers as they are not represented within the traditional system. PICO provides culturally tailored support academically and athletically.
- Provide family engagement, assistance navigating secondary education applications, mental health circles, cultural awareness counselors, and building community business partners.
- The outcomes so far have been very promising. Out of 17 students receiving tutoring, 5 have increased their academic grades.
- This is more than an after school program, it's a lifeline to community youth. PICO is working to create a model that can be replicated in other areas to expand reach and deepen overall impact.

Samoa Pacific Development Corporation (SPDC):

- This program is based out of Roosevelt and Medford, providing tutoring and support to students.
- Southern Oregon has the second largest NH/PI student base in the state, and these funds are crucial to continue our operations.
- Goal to strengthen connections with high schools where students attend. Currently we are working with 8 high schools. Through community comes strength.

		 Part of these grant funds are supporting local family engagement nights at these schools to spread relationships and support. Gratitude to ODE and Program Coordinator Matsuzaki for creating space at the recent Resource Development Retreat as it provided a space to build community between the grantees. Building trust between providers makes the entire community stronger and increases the level of support we can provide to our students. United Territories of Pacific Islanders Alliance (UTOPIA) PDX: This grant has allowed us to provide inter generational events with elders and youth. UTOPIA holds events where students are able to experience a wide variety of cultures. There is power in students centering their culture as a priority not a side item. Allowing languages, stories and building confidence as well as curiosity is essential. Connecting food to families highlighting cultural migration patterns. All activities are intentionally crafted, youth are not only remembering who they are but reimagining what may be possible. 	
1:00pm	For the good of the order	 Advisory member appointments The Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Advisory Group will be opening their member recruitment process this summer as we have our first round of Advisory Group members sunset out. Will be a minimum of 8 week process from the opening of applications until Appointment Letters are sent out Planning to onboard new Advisory Group members in August 2025 so the group is whole when we resume meeting for the 25-26 school year There is a big push to include student voice and community input from rural areas across the state. We are also aware there are many PI identities that are not currently represented in the group and we are seeking to create a well rounded group through this application process. Once the Advisory Group resumes regular meetings for the school year 25-26 there will be opportunities to nominate and promote new leadership positions. Last meeting of the 24-25 SY is on Thursday, June 12th. See you then! 	AG members

1:10pm	Closing protocol		AG Member		
Advisory Group Members Present: Ajifu, Bueker, Galago, Ka'ula, Macaysa, Micky, Noble, Polamalu, Sipelii, Wilmes					
Advisory Group Members Absent: Afemui, Camacho, Fifita, McKinley, Omwere, Raes, Richards, Rivera-Lindstrom, Young					
ODE Staff Present: Carol Matsuzaki, Jenni Amado					

Next Meeting: Virtually - June 12th, 2025 11:00 am - 1:00 pm