

Indigenous People's Day planning meeting 9/15/2021

Present: Benny, Daniela, Nicole,

Presentation at the schools:

- Nicole heard back from Doug and Karen and they are not letting anyone into the schools for presentations etc.

Italian-Americans for IPD:

- There's a community meeting on Sunday organized by IA4IPD for any towns who are planning events

Mahtowin:

- Benny reached out to her, Mahtowin directed us to IA4IPD

Including the Bayrd family:

- Could contact them (maybe Amy Rando has their contact info to share)
- Could contact the nephew who mentioned in the community forum about attending powwows etc. (maybe Nicole Calebrese could connect us)
- Maybe there could be an educational moment talking about traditional regalia etc.

Book readings:

- Could do some book readings, maybe 1-2 for young kids, one for middle school, one for adults (maybe poetry)
- Could maybe include some educational moments in the video as well, drawing out certain aspects of the story or illustrations and connect to our local history
- We'll look over the kids books from last year and decide next week which one to pick
- Can contact the librarians (Casey) for other book recommendations for middle school and poetry - Benny will contact her

Territorial acknowledgement:

- It will take more planning ahead to move the town towards crafting a territorial acknowledgement that would be officially put out. This would require talking with town officials, working with the Native nations of our area, etc.

To-do:

- Benny will contact librarian
- Nicole will contact Amy and Nicole Calebrese to get the Bayrd's contact info
- Attend the IA4IPD event on Sunday

Next meeting: Wednesday 9/22 at 7pm