

Native American Parent Advisory Committee

Public Meeting

April 2022

District Vision

S.O.A.R. Together: Building a school family to guide and inspire our students for success in reaching their potential.

Mission:

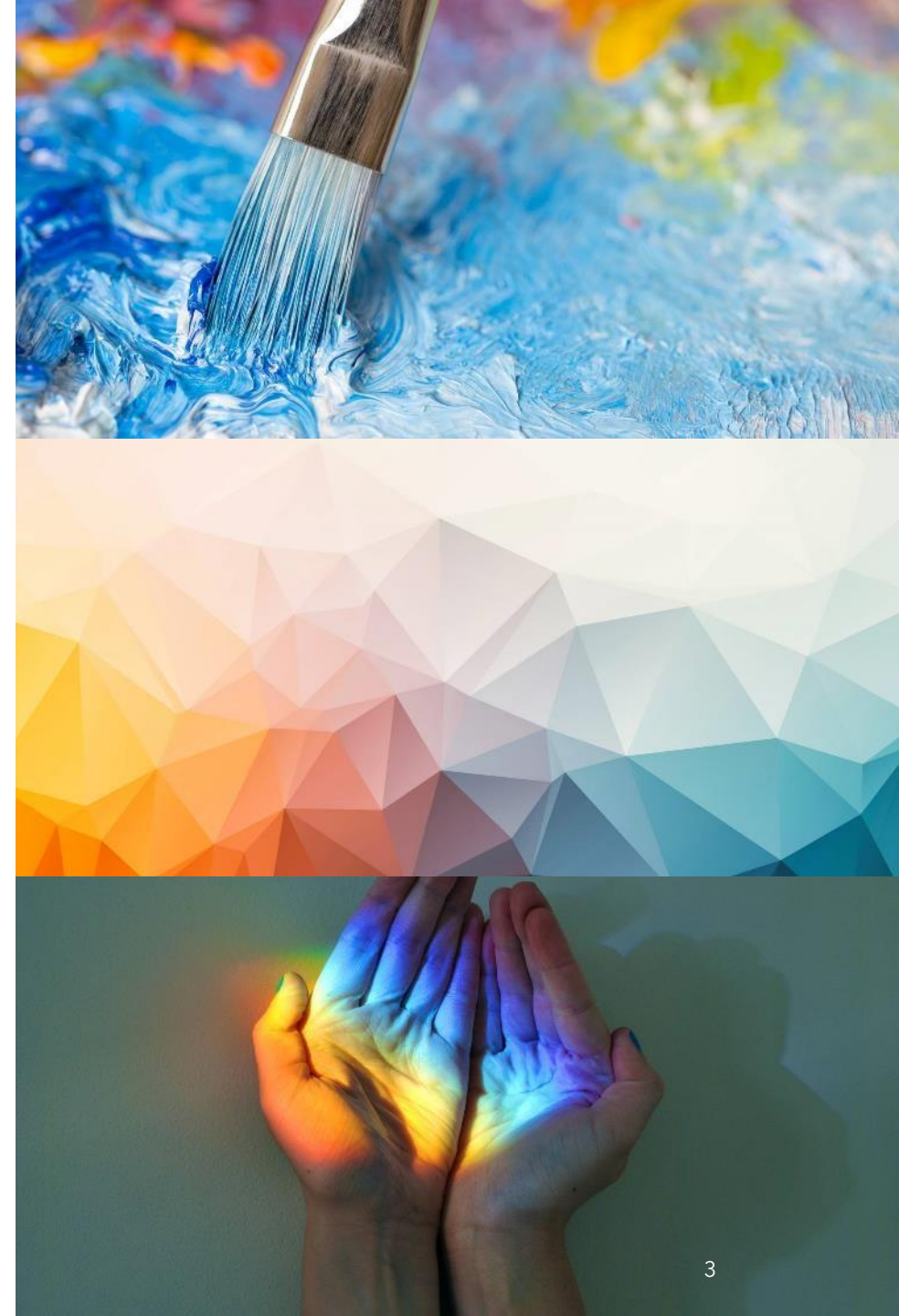
Our school family will work together to:

- build trusting relationships
- -foster joy and resiliency; and
- -equip students with skills that enable them to be successful!



Celebrations for our Native American population this year

90% attendance rate so far this school year
81% of families attended fall parent-teacher conferences
98% of families attended Santa Days Open House
21% decrease in Emotional At-Risk Identification from August
62 fewer discipline referrals than last year at this time
We've added 3 full-time reading interventionists (total of 4
= 1 ADSIS, 2 Reading Corp, 1 Title VI)



New Cultural Activities & Native American Student Support

- Monthly Native American Cultural Activity: Thunderbird painting, Ojibwe Bags/curriculum, Ledger Art, Dreamcatchers, Storytelling, Kevin Locke Lyceum, 2-Week Artist in Residency on Storytelling and Hoop Dancing, & Tree Tapping.
- New Mental Health Programs: Zones of Regulation, EmpowerU, and Therapy Dog
- Weekly math activity for each Native American family that attends ECFE
- Creating a digital Native American resources library for staff to us beginning next August
- All teachers being trained in LETRS (reading)
- All teachers trained in and implementing Fastbridge Reading interventions
- Use of Fastbridge Screener for Social, Emotional, or Academic risk



Continuing Cultural Activities and Native American Student Support

- Mental Health Programs: Second Step and Mind Up
- Dakota Language weekly lessons
- Indigenous Yoga monthly
- Buffalo Trunk
- JOM support in classrooms, After School Program, transportation, and funding for students
- Native American books in both elementary and middle school libraries
- Embedded cultural activities within the pk-8 curriculum
- Weekly family book and reading activity in ECFE



What's coming up in 22-23?

- 2 Day Cultural Institute for all staff in August with a focus on cultural responsive teaching
- Training in math interventions to be implemented the following year 23-24
- Monthly book focus read aloud by tribal member with storytelling
- Monthly cultural activity
- Return to in-person meetings and activities
- New playground equipment
- Summer 2022 field trips
- Possibly offer ECCE once per month at district center
- Working with BV Historical Society in planning powwow for August 2023



Spring Survey/Needs Assessment

36% of families responded

88% felt children were receiving the academic support needed

Challenges: Math (3), history of Native American culture not being represented in mainstream education (2), friends, emotions/talking things out

69% of families felt children were receiving the social and emotional support they need at school

94% of families felt welcome at school

-Things families felt would help children be more successful: Exposure to history, culture, and traditions, more services, more talking things out, and more explanations of how to help students since things have changed since the adults were in school.

-Activities they would like to see offered: pow wow, more field trips, learning songs, more language opportunities, more culture, group of kids practicing talking things out

-Activities that had a positive impact: 88% said tutoring/homework help, 50% of more: after school program, field trips, and monthly cultural activities.



Parent Engagement Opportunities

Some of these were on hold during the pandemic, but will be resumed:

Awards Night

Concerts

Fall Festival

Spelling/Geography Bees

Open Houses (Back to School, Santa Days, Science Fair)

Prairie Fire Theatre

Early Childhood Family Education

Family Breakfast

Sports

Parent/Teacher Conferences



Funding 2021-22

MN Indian Aid

- \$48,282.
- Provide tutoring and interventions in reading and math to increase achievement in small groups and 1:1
- Weekly ECFE Reading Activity, Math Activity, and book; monthly family engagement activities
- Cultural Activities and speakers and Indian Education Coordinator

Federal Indian Aid

- \$24,719
- Provide tutoring and interventions in reading and math to increase achievement in small groups and 1:1

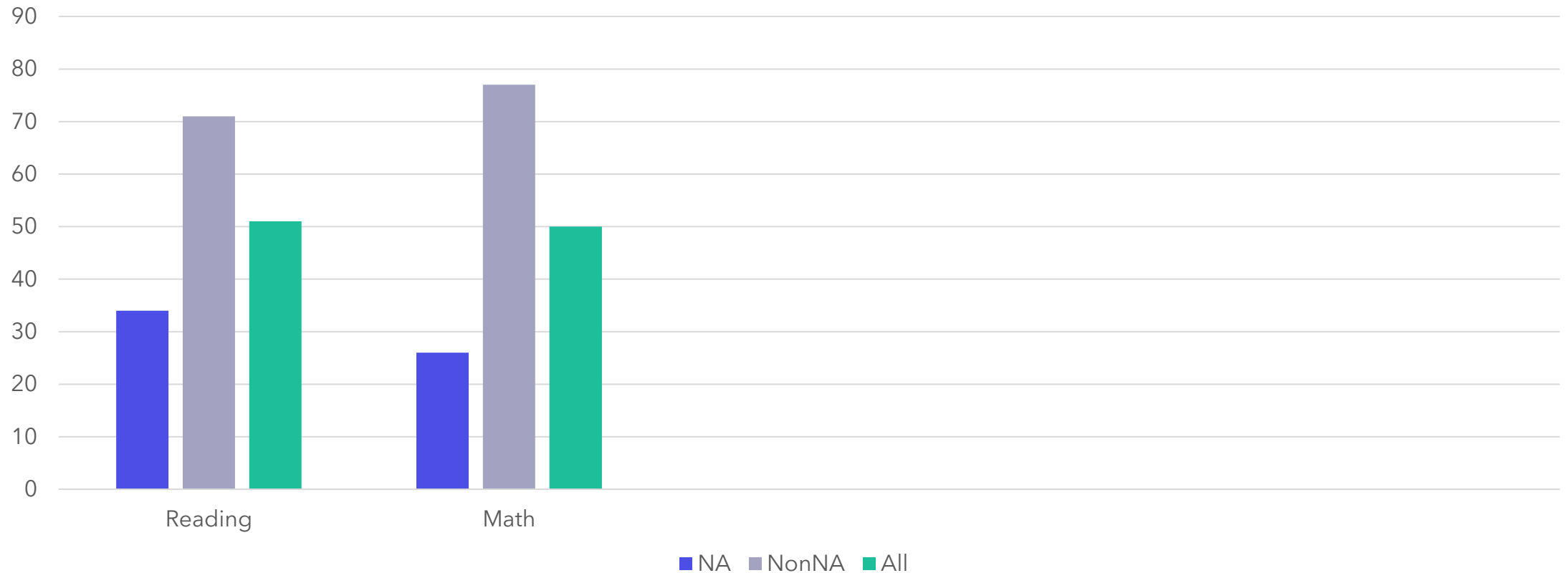
Title IV

- \$10,000
- Mental health support through counseling

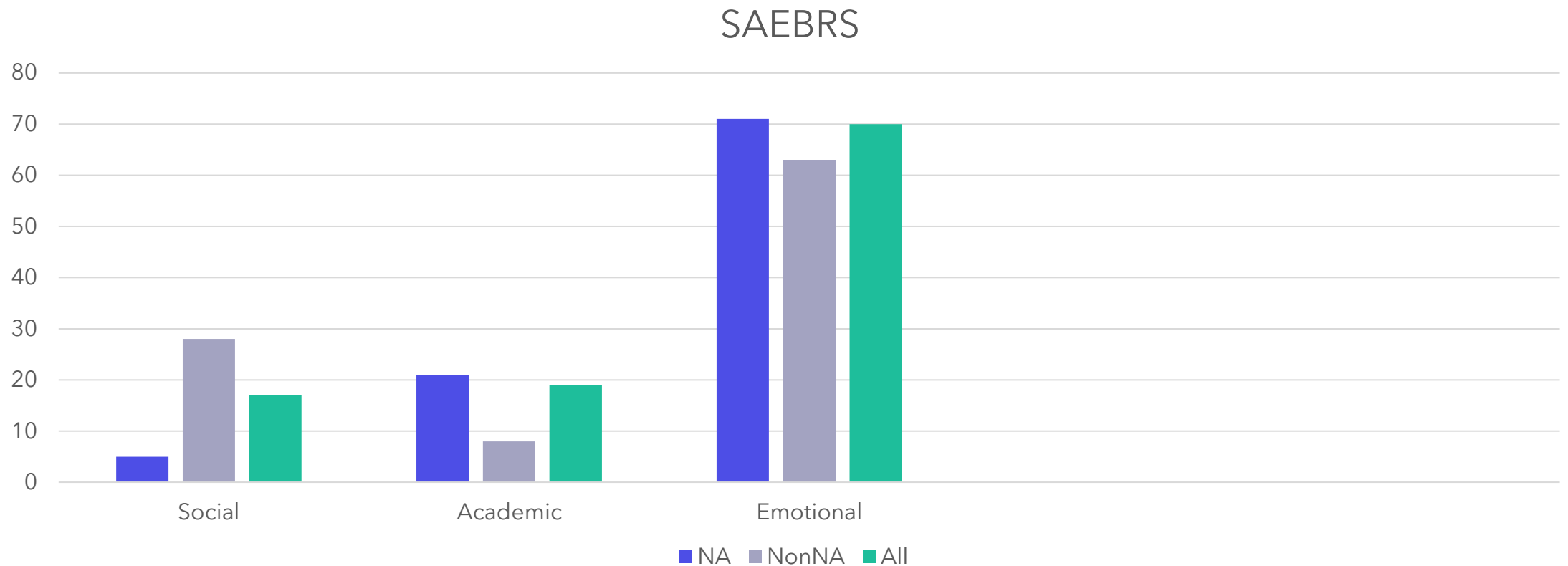
Titles I & II

- \$45,863.69
- Provide tutoring and interventions in reading and math to increase achievement in small groups and 1:1

Fastbridge Scores % at Grade Level



Fastbridge Scores % At Risk



Extra Curricular Participation 21-22

Event	# NA Students	Event	#NA Students
Football	6	Spelling Bee	6
Volleyball	6	PT Conferences	70%
Boys basketball	6	Prairie Fire Theatre	26
Girls basketball	3	Santa Days	61
Comm.Ed. Wrestling	33	Band	11
Comm.Ed.Basketball	20	Choir	14
Track	7	Knowledge Bowl	3

Thank you!

Questions?

