

## **PTSA (Parent, Teacher, Student Association) History**

On October 11, 2005 the Parental Involvement Committee and the Community Events Committee of the School Improvement Team, made up of Bernadette Haeusler, Amy Hall, Mary Meshigaud, Will Sagataw and Linda Worth met to discuss different ways to bring more parents and community members into the school. The committee also discussed the possibility of starting a PTA or PTO.

The first PTA meeting was called for November 11, 2005 with 10 people attending. The first elected officers were: President- Will Sagataw, Vice President- Marilyn Shawano, Treasurer- Jan Wandahsega, and Secretary- Rose Potvin. Much of the discussion at that meeting centered around the idea of setting up a Christmas shopping experience for the students in Dec. and what can we do to expand this organization and make it community based. Surveys were put together to identify teachers needs and the areas parents/guardians/community members were interested in participating. The PTA members were very active and willing to try new things to get more parents involved.

At the October 17, 2006 meeting the Nah Tah Wahsh PTA was formed, joining the Michigan and the National PTA. We were the first PTA in the Upper Peninsula and the first Native American school in Michigan with official PTA membership. The charter started with 25 members signing on.

In the fall of 2007, due to the cost of the PTA membership, we voted to not renew our PTA membership and became the Hannahville PTSA. We have been a very active organization with many of our accomplishments listed by year.

In January 2008, the PTSA joined with the Title 1 Parent Advisory to hold our meetings concurrently. Since that time, this group is instrumental in reviewing and giving input for the Parent-Student-Teacher-Administration Compacts, Parental Involvement Policy, Year End Program Evaluations and providing feedback for our school into the future.