



MONTANA ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INDIAN EDUCATION
 ADVISORY TO THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION AND
 SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

MACIE Meeting
 August 2, 2023
 Minutes - Approved

Members Present

Matthew Bell (alternate)	Office of Public Instruction
Dawn Bishop-Moore	Indian Impact Schools of Montana
Norma Bixby	Northern Cheyenne Tribe
Levi Black Eagle	Crow Tribe
Derek Calvert (alternate)	Montana University System
Dugan Coburn	Urban – Great Falls
Paul Finnicum	MTSBA Indian School Board Caucus
Jordann Forster	Montana Federation of Public Employees
Megan Gourneau	Fort Peck Tribes
Iris Kill Eagle	Little Shell Tribe
Calli Nicholson Nicholson	Billings Public Schools
Cory Sangrey-Billy	Tribal Colleges

Guests

Mark Bramer	Yellowstone Gateway Museum
Korinne Casarella	Yellowstone Gateway Museum
Dylan Klapmeier	Office of the Governor
Morgan Murakami	Self

Members Absent

Rodney Bird	Bureau of Indian Education
Marcy Cobell	Montana Indian Education Association
Michelle Crazy	Fort Belknap Tribes
Michael Dolson	Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes
Harold Dusty Bull	Blackfeet Tribe
Hilary Gourneau	Tribal Head Start
Melissa Hammett	Urban – Missoula
Susie Hedalen	Board of Public Education
Jeremy MacDonald	School Administrators of Montana
Angela McLean	Montana University System
John Stiffarm	Class 7
Don Wetzel	Office of Public Instruction

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Education

Elsie Arntzen	Matthew Bell
McCall Flynn	Joan Franke
Mike Jetty	Carrie Kouba
Rob Stutz	

The Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education (MACIE) meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jordann Forster at 9:05 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, an opening greeting by Dugan Coburn was given, and roll call was taken.

❖ Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the June 7, 2023, meeting were reviewed. Paul Finnicum motioned to approve the minutes as written and Dawn Bishop-Moore seconded. Passed by all.

❖ Ex-officio Reports

Superintendent's Report

Rob Stutz provided information on updates to Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) regarding the Montana Indigenous Languages Preservation (MILP) program. [Draft rules](#) have been filed at the Secretary of State's office regarding distribution of funds. There will be a public hearing on August 11. Public comments are being accepted through August 18.

Superintendent Arntzen also discussed guidance documents being drafted regarding Indian Education for All reporting regarding funding.

A budget for MACIE has been set from Office of Public Instruction (OPI) funding. It is \$10,000 for the biennium, \$5,000 for each year. There is fluidity between the years on how much of the \$10,000 may be spent. The Superintendent has requested the Board of Public Education (BPE) help with funding. She is also planning on putting a budget item in for the next legislative session to fund MACIE which would need to go from BPE.

The Superintendent believes that due to the lawsuit and updates from the legislature on school funding for Indian Education for All (IEFA), this would be a good time to review the seven essential understandings to ensure they are robust enough and how to get the information on these out to schools. Jordann Forster indicated she believes the Superintendent's suggestion that IEFA be part of the requirements for renewal of teacher licensure. The Superintendent said she also believes the leadership needs to have requirements for IEFA.

❖ Informational Presentations

Yellowstone Gateway Museum's Traveling Exhibits: Montana's Tribal Nations' Flags and Seals

Korinne Casarella presented information on the Yellowstone Gateway Museum's traveling exhibit on the flags and seals of the tribal nations of Montana. The themes will be the symbols and their meanings, flags as historic and contemporary culture, tribal sovereignty, and federal recognition and its importance. These will be throughout Park County.

Chairperson Forster asked MACIE members to get back comments and approval to [Ms. Casarella](#) on content by August 30.

Indian Education Unit Reports

❖ Tribal Student Achievement, Relations, & Resiliency Unit

Matthew Bell discussed the MILP program has changed due to legislation. There was discussion with tribes regarding tribes entering into partnerships with the school districts. There was concern about requiring this. There are also definitions of various terms.

Mr. Bell said Representative Windy Boy indicated he would be open to any comments for updating the legislation for the next session.

Chairperson Report

The webpage for MACIE is in the process of being updated. Please send as soon as possible to [Joan Franke](#) a photo, updated bio, and a one-two sentence on what MACIE means to you.

Chairperson Forster indicated she had requested \$18,500 for year but only received \$5,000 per year. This would equate to one meeting a year. Discussion was held regarding the October meeting in person. Consensus was to hold the meeting in person in October.

The position statement regarding supporting and preparing pre-service educators is a draft. Jordann indicated she will do draft position statements regarding indigenous created curriculum, support indigenous authors and novels, smudging in schools, and graduation ceremony protocols that can then be reviewed, changed as necessary, and possibly approved at the October meeting.

Norma Bixby suggested having information regarding the previous lawsuit regarding school funding reminding about the lawsuit regarding funding.

Jordann Forster provided information regarding the National Education Association (NEA) questions on a racial literacy quiz. She is concerned NEA is distributing inaccurate information regarding Indian content. She is requesting MACIE draft a letter to NEA that recommends tribal consultation concerning any curriculum they are putting out, have indigenous voices at the table, and indigenous review. Calli Nicholson motioned for Jordann to draft a letter regarding this to have MACIE members vote on and then can be sent to various organizations. Norma Bixby seconded the motion. Passed by all.

Public Comment

Morgan Murakami commented on the NEA question and MACIE's willingness to voice concern. She also asked if these meetings are open to the public as she was asked to sign off because she is not affiliated with this.

Levi Black Eagle motioned to adjourn the meeting and Calli Rusche-Nicholson seconded the motion. Passed by all. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2023, in person (with Zoom option).

 /s/ Dawn Bishop-Moore
Approved October 4, 2023