



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

MACIE Meeting  
 November 1, 2023  
 Minutes - Draft

Members Present

Dawn Bishop-Moore Indian Impact Schools  
 of Montana  
 Norma Bixby Northern Cheyenne  
 Tribe  
 Levi Black Eagle Crow Tribe  
 Marcy Cobell Montana Indian  
 Education Association  
 Dugan Coburn Urban – Great Falls  
 Michelle Crazy Fort Belknap Tribes  
 Jordann Forster Montana Federation  
 of Public Employees  
 Hilary Gourneau Tribal Head Start  
 Melissa Hammett Urban – Missoula  
 Susie Hedalen Board of Public  
 Education  
 Carrie Kouba Office of Public  
 Interim Instruction  
 Jeremy MacDonald School Administrators  
 of Montana  
 Angela McLean Montana University  
 System  
 Calli Rusche- Billings Public Schools  
 Nicholson  
 Cory Sangrey-Billy Tribal Colleges

Office of Public Instruction/ Board of Public  
 Education

Elsie Arntzen Matt Bell  
 McCall Flynn Joan Franke  
 Zach Hawkins Marie Judisch  
 Rob Stutz Jennifer Stadum  
 Stephanie Swigart

Guests

Adrienne Barnes Katrina Engeldrum  
 Frederick Peck

Members Absent

Rodney Bird Bureau of Indian  
 Education  
 Michael Dolson Confederated Salish  
 & Kootenai Tribes  
 Harold Dusty Bull Blackfeet Tribe  
 Paul Finnicum MTSBA Indian School  
 Board Caucus  
 Megan Gourneau Fort Peck Tribes  
 Iris Kill Eagle Little Shell Tribe

The Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jordann Forster at 9:02 a.m. Roll call was taken and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Minutes

The minutes of the October 4, 2023, meeting were reviewed. Dugan Coburn motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Calli Rusch-Nicholson seconded the motion. Passed by all.

American Indian Education Administrative Reports

❖ Indian Education for All Unit

Jennifer Stadum provided program updates regarding the Indian Education for All (IEFA) Tuesdays webinars through June (Energize on the first Tuesdays and IEFA Across the Content on the third Tuesdays). Members of the unit have office hours via Zoom. The unit is planning on doing surveys to help with work. Best Practices is March 7-8, 2024. in Billings. [Upcoming Events - PD Opportunities](#) Jennifer is working on a science lesson regarding the ponderosa pine for K-5. She will be sharing this at the next meeting and would like information regarding tribal stories and other ideas if willing and able to share.

Zach Hawkins discussed new accreditation standards, chapter 55, and the new requirements regarding reporting regarding IEFA implementation. Districts will be required to provide evidence of what they are doing in the Integrated Strategic Action Plan. The unit is working on a rubric. The unit is developing information regarding appropriate expenditure of funding and how to work with tribes regarding development of curriculum. The unit will need help with these.

### Ex-Officio Reports

#### ❖ Superintendent of Public Instruction

Rob Stutz, Chief Legal Council and Deputy Superintendent, discussed House Bill 338. There are now new reporting and enforcement provisions regarding expenditure of IEFA funds. If schools don't spend money or there is incomplete reporting, this will affect the future funding. The Office of Public Instruction (OPI) has interpreted the bill to say that the reporting for the previous fiscal year (FY2023) impacts the funding for the next fiscal year (FY2025). The programmatic requirement takes place for FY2024 which will be reported in FY2025. The districts have until December 10 to correct their trustee's financial summary. The districts also have the opportunity to go to the Board of Public Education (BPE) to request a due process hearing. [FAQ](#)

Superintendent Arntzen asked MACIE to pen a letter for districts (trustees and superintendents) to complete an amended trustees' financial statement.

The Yellow Kidney lawsuit was certified as a class action lawsuit. Currently the lawsuit will only be against the state and not expanded to the local level as requested by the OPI.

Chairperson Forster asked regarding the letter to the National Education Association, and Superintendent Arntzen indicated it was good and the letter may be signed with the support of the OPI.

### Chairperson Report

#### Community share

Marcy Cobell indicated the Montana Indian Education Association (MIEA) has four board members and looking for more. There will be a MIEA conference with a student track April 16-20 in Missoula.

Jeremy MacDonald indicated Henrietta Mann will be at Box Elder Public Schools on Tuesday November 7 at 5:30 p.m.

Hilary Gourneau discussed tribal head starts initiatives and challenges.

Norma Bixby indicated the tribes need to get their counts in by September 30 for Johnson-O'Malley funding.

Susie Hedalen suggested MACIE do outreach regarding the seal of biliteracy and have input regarding the raising of fees for licensees.

Chairperson Jordann Forster attended the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) Conference. The primary focus is on language and language revitalization programs. There is still a vacancy for the Chippewa-Cree Tribe and Class 7. Jordann will be putting forth a name to fill the youth representation. Besides the support of OPI, Chairperson Forster will be asking the (BPE) and the Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE) to support the letter. Jordann will be hosted an IEFA training at Montana State University (where) on October 30-November 1. She will provide more information as it becomes available.

### Informational Presentations

#### ❖ Rigorous Action

Carrie Kouba provided information regarding Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plan amendment regarding rigorous action. The federal government is asking what additional interventions will be required for schools identified for comprehensive support and improvement that fail to meet the exit requirements. Currently it says will continue support with additional interventions and intense support from a three-person OPI and district level team. An amendment has been developed with a tiered approach with collaboration with the school district on what is needed (which previously been optional). There will also be guidance documents developed. Public comment will end November 10 and there will be additional presentation to various groups. OPI hopes to submit to the Department of Education in January. MACIE will be asked for input with the guidance documents that will be developed.

#### ❖ OPI Content Standards

Marie Judisch provided information on the revisions for English language Arts, English Language Proficiency, Mathematics, and World Languages. The [website](#) provides information regarding the updates, including committees, timelines, and documents.

Stephanie Swigart gave information on the process for updating standards, from research regarding what should be included through implementation.

Information regarding each of the curriculum areas standard revisions were discussed regarding the inclusion of Native American content into the standards.

### Old Business

#### ❖ Website Update

Chairperson Forster reminded members to send Joan Franke an updated bio, why you serve on MACIE and why you believe it important, and a photograph. This will be on the updated [MACIE web page](#).

#### ❖ MACIE Goals

No one had any suggested updated goals.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Melissa Hammett motioned to adjourn the meeting and Dawn Bishop-Moore seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

The next meeting is January 3, 2024, via Zoom.