



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

MACIE Meeting  
 January 3, 2024  
 Minutes - Draft

Members Present

Norma Bixby	Northern Cheyenne Tribe
Marcy Cobell	Montana Indian Education Association
Dugan Coburn	Urban – Great Falls
Michelle Crazy	Fort Belknap Tribes
Paul Finnicum	MTSBA Indian School Board Caucus
Jordann Forster	Montana Federation of Public Employees
Melissa Hammett	Urban – Missoula
Susie Hedalen	Board of Public Education
Iris Kill Eagle	Little Shell Tribe
Carrie Kouba	Office of Public Instruction
Angela McLean	Montana University System
Calli Rusche- Nicholson	Billings Public Schools
Cory Sangrey-Billy	Tribal Colleges

Office of Public Instruction/ Board of Public  
 Education

McCall Flynn	Joan Franke
Zach Hawkins	Mike Jetty
Christy Mock-Stutz	
Jennifer Stadum	

Guests

Eliza McLaughlin	Sen. Daines' Office
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Members Absent

Rodney Bird	Bureau of Indian Education
Levi Black Eagle	Crow Tribe
Dawn Bishop-Moore	Indian Impact Schools of Montana
Michael Dolson	Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes
Harold Dusty Bull	Blackfeet Tribe
Hilary Gourneau	Tribal Head Start
Megan Gourneau	Fort Peck Tribes
Jeremy MacDonald	School Administrators of Montana

The Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jordann Forster at 9:06 a.m. Roll call was taken, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Minutes

The minutes of the November 1, 2023, meeting were reviewed. A correction for the location of Montana State University is Bozeman. Dugan Coburn motioned to approve the minutes as corrected and Calli Rusche-Nicholson seconded. Passed by all.

Chairperson Report

No community information.

The letter to the National Education Association was sent and they had a meeting with Jordann Forster and Dugan Coburn and their suggestion was to keep looking for mistakes in curriculum. NEA is working on a response letter.

Chairperson Forster discussed rolls on the MACIE board. She indicated she has not had support from several positions. Jordann indicated she would like a discussion at the next meeting regarding rolls for the board.

### New Business

#### ❖ Early Literacy Targeted Intervention Rule Revision

McCall Flynn discussed the new Montana Code ([Title 20, Chapter 7, Part 18](#)) regarding Early Literacy Targeted Interventions, providing students four years to third grade to become more proficient in reading. There is a classroom program for four-year-olds, a Jumpstart summer school program, and a home-based program to foster family and community engagement (which is outside the school). The Board of Public Education was tasked with coming up with frameworks for the programs and evaluation methodology for who would be able to participate. The program will not be a universal program. Students need to be below a trajectory to third-grade reading level. The Jumpstart program is aligned to the early childhood education standards and Montana English Language Arts and Literacy standards.

There will be ANB funding for this, full for the early childhood program and a quarter ANB for the Jumpstart program. There will be \$1,000 per student for the homebased program, which will be done with a contract through the Office of Public Instruction. OPI has hired two employees to work on this, providing guidance and support on the evaluation methodologies once the rules are approved and working on the Request for Proposal process for the homebased programs.

#### ❖ Review of New K-5 Science Ponderosa Pine Curriculum

The lessons for the K-5 Ponderosa Pine integrated unit have been finished and the Indian Education for All (IEFA) unit would like feedback. [Curriculum Unit](#) [Evaluation Survey](#) Jennifer Stadum would especially like to hear about cultural responsiveness, relevancy, and respectfulness. She would also like to know about stories from tribes that may be shared in a responsible manner. There will be teachers who will pilot the curriculum.

#### ❖ IEFA Funding Reporting Requirements

A new platform for reporting ANB funding spending has been developed based on legislation from the 2023 session. This platform will open at the end of January and the report will be due by March 29. An Assurance will also need to be done. The trustee financial summary will still need to be done by September 15 each year. A document has been developed for guidance and contact information if schools have questions.

A [guide for identifying quality IEFA materials](#) has also been developed regarding identification of quality IEFA materials and instructional planning and support from OPI.

❖ Naming Ceremonies in Schools

Dugan Coburn discussed the naming ceremony recently completed and the Facebook post that caused discussion regarding who he is and why he had the ability to give names. Dugan has received the transfer of rights to do the ceremony. The ceremonies may be done in schools with proper protocols and by individuals who have received the rights to do the ceremonies.

Old Business

❖ Update of Goals and In-person Meeting in Billings

Jordann Forster indicated to do the goals when meet in person. She asked if the meeting in March should be person and in Billings to coincide with the IEFA Best Practices Conference.

Iris Kill Eagle motioned to have an in-person meeting in Billings and have it longer than the usual three hours. Dugan Coburn seconded the motion. Passed by all.

By consensus it was decided to start the meeting at 10:30 a.m. and go to no later than 5:00 p.m.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Dugan Coburn motioned to adjourn the meeting and Calli Rusche-Nicholson seconded the motion. Passed by all. The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

The next meeting is March 7, 2024, in person in Billings with a Zoom option.