



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

MACIE Meeting  
June 5, 2024  
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
Jordann Forster	Montana Federation of Public Employees
Susie Hedalen	Board of Public Education
Iris Kill Eagle	Little Shell Tribe
Carrie Kouba	Office of Public Instruction
Interim	Montana University System
Jeannie Origbo (alternate)	Billings Public Schools
Calli Rusche-Nicholson	

Guests

Rena Lambert	Fort Peck Tribes
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Office of Public Instruction/ Board of Public Education

McCall Flynn	Joan Franke
Mike Jetty	Christy Mock-Stutz

Members Absent

Rodney Bird	Bureau of Indian Education
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
Jeremy MacDonald	School Administrators of Montana
Angela McLean	Montana University System
Cory Sangrey-Billy	Tribal Colleges
John Well-Off-Man	Class 7 Teachers

The Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education (MACIE) meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jordann Forster at 9:05 a.m. An honor song was done by Mike Jetty. Roll call was taken.

IEFA Report

Mike Jetty announced that Julie Jeffers will join the staff on Monday, June 10.

Mike gave information regarding presentations Indian Education for All (IEFA) will be doing this summer, such as English Language Standards process, Summer Institute. Also the unit would like other OPI unit personnel to take the Hub course.

The IEFA unit will be working with the math instructional coordinator to update math lessons, along with asking math instructors to help with that process.

School Administrators of Montana will help to provide information on best practices regarding tracking IEFA funding spending and activities.

Christy Mock-Stutz discussed communications and cooperation across Office of Public Instruction (OPI) units regarding the new accreditation standards. A meeting was held on Monday regarding the types of questions OPI is getting to provide consistent messaging and who should answer specific types of questions.

A grant writer has been hired for the literacy development grants. This is \$50 million over five years. The grant will be written to support schools in building their capacities, professional development, opportunities, and leadership capacity.

For the next biennium – July 2025 – June 2027 – the Superintendent is going to propose a budget for MACIE.

Jordann Forster asked for the OPI website to have resources listed by tribe or regions. Mike asked that if MACIE members have suggestions for tribally specific materials to let OPI know so may add links on the website.

### Minutes

The minutes from the May 1, 2024, were reviewed. Norma Bixby motioned to approve the minutes as written, and Dawn Bishop-Moore seconded the motion. Passed by all.

### Chairperson Report

MACIE members provided share outs of community events.

McCall Flynn indicated that after the last Board of Public Education (PBE) meeting, they are thinking of having an American Indian Student Achievement panel. This will be July 17-19 (which day has not been confirmed). This will be an initial discussion, which will be an ongoing discussion. It was suggested that the Indian School Board Caucus and administrators be invited. This meeting is open to the public and McCall will provide MACIE with the link. Carrie Kouba indicated that OPI will be putting together a report regarding data on Indian student achievement that she will share.

Jordann Forster provided information about a couple trainings/conferences. She reviewed her at the BPE meeting on May 9.

Chairperson Forster discussed vacant positions and the nomination of Rena Lambert for Fort Peck. There was consensus on Rena's nomination be approved. nomination.

The National Indian Education Association is requesting to join the August meeting to discuss their work regarding the veterans' project.

## Old Business

### ❖ Funding guidelines

Chairperson Forster asked for suggestions on what would like for funding regarding Title VI and IEFA. These will then be solidified by the subcommittee for the final recommendations to be voted on.

### Title VI

- ✓ Language teacher in every school in district
- ✓ Transportation (in whatever form)
- ✓ Food (for those in need or at cultural gatherings)
- ✓ Culture teachers

### IEFA

- ✓ Training in teacher preparation programs to provide students with more training to be prepared to teach
- ✓ Teaching IEFA in all disciplines
- ✓ Each tribe have a person funded by state funds to deal with tribal consultation
- ✓ Dedicated IEFA coordinator in every school
- ✓ Transportation

### ❖ Revision of Goals

The goals were last updated in 2021. Jordann Forster would like to go through the goals one at a time to make them more concise and actionable. Goal 1 was reviewed.

- ✓ Spell at abbreviations
- ✓ Put “any” before the NA/AI students
- ✓ Use all Native American/American Indian/Indigenous students/students of Indigenous Nations
- ✓ historical and contemporary trauma

## New Business

### ❖ Meeting schedule for 2025.

Chairperson Forster asked if Wednesdays are good for the Zoom meetings and whether moving in-person meetings to Monday so may travel on Sunday. The October in-person meeting will remain on October 2. Nothing was changed regarding the Zoom only meetings.

There was discussion regarding having the in-person meetings longer than just half the day. Dugan Coburn motioned for in-person meetings to be scheduled 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with the understanding the meeting will be adjourned when the work is done. Dawn Bishop-Moore seconded the motion. Passed by all.

The meeting schedule for 2025 was reviewed. As the March meeting is usually in conjunction with a conference, it was suggested it be in conjunction with Montana Indian Education Association (MIEA) conference in 2025. Marcy Cobell indicated the MIEA conference will be in Billings in conjunction with the MSU Billings powwow.

It was decided the in-person meetings remain as in the spring (March-April) in conjunction with an event and in October. The Zoom meetings will remain on Wednesday during the first week of the month – January, February, May, June, August, and November.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Dugan Coburn motioned to adjourn the meeting. Levi Black Eagle seconded the motion. Passed by all. The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

The next MACIE meeting is August 14, 2024, via Zoom.