



MACIE MEETING  
June 9, 2021  
Approved Minutes

Members Present

Joe Arrowtop	Montana Indian Education Association
Dawn Bishop-Moore	Indian Impact Schools of Montana
Norma Bixby	Northern Cheyenne Tribe
Michelle Crazy	Fort Belknap Tribes
Jason Cummins	Class 7
Megan Gourneau	Fort Peck Tribes
Melissa Hammett	Urban – Missoula
Susie Hedalen	Board of Public Education
Iris Kill Eagle	Little Shell Tribe
Jeremy MacDonald	School Administrators of Montana
Angela McLean	Montana University System
Lona Running Wolf	Office of Public Instruction
Voyd St. Pierre	Chippewa Cree Tribe
Jennifer Smith	Urban – Billings

Office of Public Instruction/  
Board of Public Education

Christopher Averill	McCall Flynn
Joan Franke	Todd Hanson
Sarah Swanson	Don Wetzel
Annette Young	

Guests

Levi Black Eagle	Crow Tribe
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Members Absent

Rodney Bird	Bureau of Indian Education
Dugan Coburn	Urban – Great Falls
Michael Dolson	Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
Harold Dusty Bull	Blackfeet Tribe
Jordann Forster	Montana Federation of Public Employees
Richard Littlebear	Tribal Colleges

The Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education (MACIE) meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jennifer Smith at 9:16 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and introductions were done. New members were introduced

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were reviewed. Norma Bixby motioned to approve the minutes as written except for the correction to Lona Running Wolf’s name on page 3. Iris Kill Eagle seconded the motion. A vote was taken. The motion was passed by all.

## Old Business

### ➤ Constitutional update

Todd Hanson reviewed the intent behind the constitutional updates for adding student ex-officio representation along with making the term for those representatives.

Jeremy MacDonald motioned to approve the amendment to the constitution to add two American Indian student representatives, one from an urban district and one from a reservation school (Article 1 of the Bylaws), along with adding a term of service in Article 7 for two years for these members. Dawn Bishop-Moore seconded the motion. After discussion, a vote was taken. This was passed by all.

There would be a media campaign to schools for getting nominations.

Michelle Crazy asked about requirements for the student members. Mr. Hanson suggested this could be same with other ex-officio or general guidance to the schools could be provided, but it would be up to the districts to make a nomination.

Jennifer Smith and Jeremy MacDonald asked how the members would be select from the nominees. Todd said there could have a committee that would select and bring to the entire council which would then be forwarded.

A vote was conducted, and the motion was passed by all.

A committee for developing criteria for districts on nominations and for determining which nominees would be selected was formed. Those who volunteered are Norma Bixby, Jeremy MacDonald, Iris Kill Eagle, and Dawn Bishop-Moore, with OPI support by Todd Hanson and Don Wetzel.

Regarding incentives for students to be on the board, Todd suggested maybe asking public school foundations with significant AI student populations, could be reached out for funding a scholarship. Other organizations suggested were Fort Peck Tribes higher education department, Indian School Board Caucus of School Boards of Montana, electric cooperatives. Chairperson Smith said people who have ties to organizations should reach out to find out if funding would be available and then to get that information to Joan Franke. The committee will also take up the discussion regarding scholarships.

### ➤ Regalia Committee

Lona Running Wolf indicated the committee met and Todd Hanson would put together a preliminary statement, which he is still working on. There was concern regarding one district was not allowing regalia. When making requests (individually) to the Office of Public Instruction (OPI) and the Board of Public Education (BPE) it needs to be asking them to provide information to school districts that there are laws that need to be followed. Jason Smith indicated the university system needs to prepare pre-service teachers and administrators that there are these laws that

The statement for discussion will be brought to MACIE by the next working meeting in August.

### ➤ Ongoing Review of Constituent Concerns

The MACIE member community concerns that went into developing the goals were reviewed. Jennifer Smith would like time on the agendas to discuss a particular issue. Through consensus to have discussions at working meetings on what is being done in communities and what can be put in place to deal with these issues. For the next meeting the discussion will be on discipline. There will be a presentation on the disparate discipline in Montana report at the next informational meeting in July.

