



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

MACIE Meeting
 September 7, 2022
 Minutes - Approved

Members Present

Norma Bixby	Northern Cheyenne Tribe
Levi Black Eagle	Crow Tribe
Dugan Coburn	Urban – Great Falls
Michelle Crazy	Fort Belknap Tribes
Jason Cummins	Class 7
Michael Dolson	Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes
Jordann Forster	Montana Federation of Public Employees
Carrie Gopher	Office of Public Instruction
Hilary Gourneau	Tribal Head Start
Melissa Hammett	Urban - Missoula
Susie Hedalen	Board of Public Education
Iris Kill Eagle	Little Shell Tribe
Jeremy MacDonald	School Administrators of Montana
Jennifer Smith	Urban – Billings

Guests

Paul Finnicum (MACIE nominee)	MTSBA Indian School Board Caucus
Callie Rusche-Nicholson (MACIE nominee)	Billings Public Schools
Erin Walker	End Exploitation Montana

Members Absent

Rodney Bird	Bureau of Indian Education
Dawn Bishop-Moore	Indian Impact Schools of Montana
Marcy Cobell	Montana Indian Education Association
Harold Dusty Bull	Blackfeet Tribe
Jonathan Eagleman	Chippewa Cree Tribe
Megan Gourneau	Fort Peck Tribes
Dr. Richard Littlebear	Tribal Colleges
Angela McLean	Montana University System
Riley Werk	Youth - Reservation

Office of Public Instruction/
 Board of Public Education

Sharyl Allen	Matthew Bell
Joan Franke	Zach Hawkins
Mike Jetty	Jennifer Stadum
Don Wetzel	Annette Young

The Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education (MACIE) meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jordann Forster at 9:01 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and roll call was taken.

Minutes

The minutes of the August 10, 2022, meeting were reviewed. Norma Bixby motioned to approve the minutes. Dugan Coburn seconded the motion. Passed by all.

Ex-officio Reports

◇ Superintendent of Public Instruction – Sharyl Allan

The Montana Teacher Residence Demonstration Projected was highlighted as one of the top priorities of the department. Rural and other districts that have recruitment and retention issues were targeted.

This Thursday there will be a meeting regarding all efforts regarding educator workforce redesign. The office is also researching a teacher registered apprenticeship. More information will be provided in few months.

There is data from a variety of arenas regarding the teacher shortage. A study done by Education Northwest from 2019 is being updated. There is also the Annenberg at Brown University study that came out a few weeks ago. It identifies Montana as having one of the most severe shortages in the nation on a per capita basis. There is also data collected around emergency authorizations.

OPI has been looking at compacts out of Alaska and Washington giving educational decision making over to tribal governments and how that can work in Montana.

◇ Tribal Head Start – Hilary Gourneau

Information regarding the Northwest Indian Head Start Coalition Conference was provided. Culture and language are highly encouraged in programs. Consultations took place with the Department of Human Health Services and Administration for Children and Families, along with the Office of Head Start. The regional program manager was there.

The Program Information Report will provide data report and Ms. Gourneau will provide this at the next informational meeting. Monitoring is now being conducted.

Hilary will find out about expansion for Head Start in order for the Crow Nation can reapply.

Indian Education Units Reports

◇ Tribal Relations & Resiliency Unit – Don Wetzel and Matt Wetzel

The Tribal Youth Coordinator, Alicia Doney, will start on Monday. She will be working on youth leadership. An AmeriCorps-VISTA planning grant has been received to work at connecting youth to elders and culture Wisdom Council. This will be on the Blackfeet and Flathead Reservations.

A packet has been sent to all tribal council members introducing the team. Tribal consultation with quarterly visits will start this month.

The language and culture web page was presented. It is being updated. Mr. Bell will be presenting at educator conference regarding Native language endeavors and how it ties into English language standards. He will also be doing a book club for professional development. He

is working the MACIE language statement into his trainings along with a discussion with the Superintendent. This has been put in the Compass.

◇ American Indian Student Achievement Unit – Carrie Gopher

Provided information on activities of the unit and what other units work with, along with data regarding the achievement gap.

The American Indian Achievement Task Force is working on grief, missing and murdered indigenous persons, and trauma informed documents. Ms. Gopher will present on these at the next MACIE meeting.

◇ Indian Education for All – Zach Hawkins, Mike Jetty, Jennifer Stadum

Projects and events coming up are:

- ✓ Indian Heritage Day – 4th (schools) and 5th (all Montanans) Fridays
- ✓ working with Pryor Schools regarding event at Arrow Creek battle site in conjunction with authors of Elk Morning and Battle of Arrow Creek. Hardin schools will also participate
- ✓ working with the Myrna Loy Center to bring in Native comics
- ✓ Big Sky Film Institute is promoting Native films regarding a Cree skate boarder, Navaho mountain biking, and fly fishing
- ✓ working on lesson for *Brothers on Three* by Abe Streep
- ✓ another poster series which premier at Rotunda Day in February
- ✓ two new hub courses regarding bison restoration and contemporary issues
- ✓ boarding school webinar: From History to Healing
- ✓ AA school support group
- ✓ working on an Introduction to tribal sovereignty series
- ✓ Hub course in the design phase
- ✓ K-12 grants for cultural exchanges is open on egrants
- ✓ science guide is being developed
- ✓ working to better assess and understand how comprehensive schools are implementing and integrating upper level of IEFA – what doing, prevalence, sustainability, and supports need
- ✓ presenting at Educator Conference and MCEL

Chairperson Report

Dr. Jason Cummins has been appointed as the Deputy Director, White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence, and Economic Opportunity for Native Americans and Strengthening Tribal Colleges and Universities through the Office of the Secretary. This will be his last meeting

The October meeting will be cancelled as Jordann Forster will not be available and there will not be a vice-chairperson. The next meeting, a working meeting, will be via Zoom in November. Election of a vice-chairperson will be done at this meeting.

Chairperson Forster asked members to email her if they wished to be addressed in a specific way.

Informational Presentations

◇ Fight the New Drug Montana Tour – Erin Walker, End Exploitation Montana

Ms. Walker provided information regarding the effects of pornography and showed three short videos. September 15 is the last day for schools and organizations to apply for a presentation regarding [Fighting the New Drug \(pornography\)](#).

Public Comment

Levi Black Eagle read Jason Cummins' statement regarding the Indian Fee waiver. Chairperson Forster indicated she would present this to Angela McLean and maybe have information on this at an upcoming meeting.

The next MACIE meeting, a working session, will be November 9, via Zoom

Dugan Coburn motioned to adjourn the meeting and Levi Black Eagle seconded the motion. Passed by all.

The meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

New members attended an onboarding training.

/s/ Dawn Bishop-Moore
Approved November 9, 2022