



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

MACIE Meeting
 November 9, 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
Michael Dolson	Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes
Jonathan Eagleman	Chippewa Cree Tribe
Jordann Forster	Montana Federation of Public Employees
Carrie Gopher	Office of Public Instruction
Megan Gourneau	Fort Peck Tribes
Susie Hedalen	Board of Public Education
Iris Kill Eagle	Little Shell Tribe
Jeremy MacDonald	School Administrators of Montana
Angela McLean	Montana University System
Callie Rusche- Nicholson	Billings Public Schools

Office of Public Instruction/
 Board of Public Education

Matthew Bell	McCall Flynn
Joan Franke	Don Wetzel
Annette Young	

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
Paul Finnicum	MTSBA Indian School Board Caucus
Hilary Gourneau	Tribal Head Start
Melissa Hammett	Urban - Missoula
Dr. Richard Littlebear	Tribal Colleges

The Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education (MACIE) meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jordann Forster at 9:04 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and roll call was taken.

Minutes

The minutes of the September 7, 2022, meeting were reviewed. Dugan Coburn motioned to approve the minutes. Levi Black Eagle seconded the motion. Passed by all.

Chairperson Report

The council did not meet in October as several members were attending the National Indian Education Conference.

Chairperson Forster will be discussing with Angela McLean Indian fee waivers and having a presentation at the next MACIE meeting based on public comment.

The Great Falls Public Schools has renamed to Indigenous Education Department and Indigenous Education for All. Billings Public Schools are planning on this change also.

Old Business

❖ Model lesson Review – Carrie Gopher

Draft documents for lessons/information on Missing and Murdered Indigenous People, Trauma Informed/Restorative Practices, and Grief were reviewed. MACIE members should get comments regarding the documents to Carrie Gopher by Friday.

New Business

❖ Election of Vice-Chairperson

Jeremy MacDonald withdrew his nomination for vice-chairperson. Mr. MacDonald motioned to elect Michael Dolson as vice-chairperson and Dugan Coburn seconded.

Jordann Forster, Calli Rusche-Nicholson, Iris Kill Eagle, Michelle Crazy, Levi Black Eagle, Dugan Coburn, Jeremy MacDonald, Megan Gourneau voted in favor of his nomination. Jonathan Eagleman was opposed.

Michael Dolson was elected by majority vote.

❖ Election of Secretary

Since there are no nominations at this time Levi Black Eagle motioned to table this item until the next meeting and Iris Kill Eagle seconded. Passed by all.

❖ Teacher Residence Demonstration Project – Carrie Kouba

The Teacher Residence Demonstration Project is to address workforce re-design and retention in the state. It gives teacher candidates the opportunity to be in a school for a whole year, along with support to schools on and near reservations and rural schools which have recruitment and retention issues. The teacher candidates are paired up with teacher leaders, who attend and an academy. The academy meets regularly, and the participants have assignments, get support, and bring that support back to the teacher candidates. Those candidates also participate in an academy. Stipends for both the teacher candidates and the teacher leaders receive a stipend.

The Office of Public Instruction (OPI) is taking applications for schools to participate next year. The American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ARP-ESSR) is being used through 2024. Looking for support in future after those are done.

Norma Bixby suggested asking the legislature for funding. Ms. Kouba said she believes this may be on the list of funding requests, but she is not absolutely sure.

Ms. Bixby also suggested school boards should provide mentors for new teachers.

❖ New Academic Priorities – Carrie Gopher

The OPI is asking for more priorities that may be worked on, especially regarding academic priorities.

Breakout rooms were done. Jonathan Eagleman indicated tribal languages, culture, and history should be considered as part of what proposed.

The suggestions from the breakout rooms were:

- 1) Language preservation and promotion;
place-based education; dropout prevention and early intervention techniques (connection to culture);
test preparation/test taking strategies for students
- 2) Digital literacy;
four Cs – culture, critical thinking, communication, civic responsibility (5th C – creativity);
attendance
- 3) Connections to community and tribal strengths to make sure students' education is relevant to them
– important activities going on in tribes, connections to community;
apprenticeship work with local businesses – vocational/industrial opportunities

Michael Dolson also added financial literacy should be part of education.

Public Comment

Michael Dolson, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, thanked Donnie Wetzel for coming to Flathead Reservation.

Levi Black Eagle, Crow Tribe, indicated he is taking a political science class which has students add questions to a Mountain States (Montana) Poll, where each student adds a question. His questions regarded Indian Education for All (IEFA). [Link to results](#)

Norma Bixby, Northern Cheyenne Tribe, indicated there is currently a lack of data and information to make decisions and what has happened regarding previous goals.

Jonathan Jay Eagleman, Chippewa-Cree Tribe, indicated there is an Inter Tribal Language Summit December 8-9. [Flyer](#)

The next MACIE meeting is scheduled for January 4, 2023.

Levi Black Eagle motioned to adjourn the meeting and Jeremy MacDonald seconded the motion. Passed by all.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

/s/ Dawn Bishop-Moore

Approved January 4, 2023