



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

MACIE Meeting
 October 4, 2023
 Minutes - Approved

Members Present (* in person)

Dawn Bishop-Moore* Indian Impact Schools
 of Montana
 Norma Bixby* Northern Cheyenne
 Tribe
 Levi Black Eagle Crow Tribe
 Dugan Coburn* Urban – Great Falls
 Jordann Forster* Montana Federation
 of Public Employees
 Melissa Hammett Urban – Missoula
 Susie Hedalen* Board of Public
 Education
 Iris Kill Eagle* Little Shell Tribe
 Jeremy MacDonald* School Administrators
 of Montana
 Calli Rusche- Billings Public Schools
 Nicholson
 Jeananne Origbo* Montana University
 (alternate) System
 Don Wetzel* Office of Public
 Instruction

Members Absent

Rodney Bird Bureau of Indian
 Education
 Marcy Cobell Montana Indian
 Education Association
 Michelle Crazy Fort Belknap Tribes
 Michael Dolson Confederated Salish
 & Kootenai Tribes
 Harold Dusty Bull Blackfeet Tribe
 Paul Finnicum MTSBA Indian School
 Board Caucus
 Hilary Gourneau Tribal Head Start
 Megan Gourneau Fort Peck Tribes
 Angela McLean Montana University
 System
 Cory Sangrey-Billy Tribal Colleges
 John Stiffarm Class 7

Office of Public Instruction/ Board of Public
 Education (*in person)

Robin Clausen Alicia Doney*
 McCall Flynn Joan Franke*
 Zach Hawkins* Mike Jetty*
 Carrie Kouba*

The Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jordann Forster at 9:04 a.m. Roll call was taken.

Minutes

The minutes of the August 2 meeting were reviewed. Norma Bixby motioned to approve the minutes as written. Dugan Coburn seconded the motion. Passed by all.

Informational Presentations

❖ Montana University System

Jeannie Origbo presented regarding college application two weeks which started on Monday and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) updates and challenges, including

timing of the opening of the application vs. applying for aid at the MUS, additional assets being taken in to account regarding need (farm assets), and not taking in to account multiple students in a family.

❖ Indian Education for All (IEFA)

Zach Hawkins and Mike Jetty provided updates and challenges with IEFA. Guidance on funding is being updated. Schools are calling regarding the tribal consultation that is required by legislation during the 2023 legislative session. Donnie Wetzel gave a brief overview of consultation. He will give another presentation at the next informational session (November).

Upcoming Events

IEFA ENERGIZE First Tuesdays – 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

IEFA Across the Content Third Tuesdays – 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

[Zoom link for above](#)

IEFA Best Practices Conference – March 8-9, DoubleTree, Billings, Montana

❖ Early Warning System (EWS)

Robin Clausen discussed the EWS regarding students. It provides steady data sets that can assist with intervention and how the student is doing over time. There are 20 on-reservation districts that participate and those with a high native population there are 30.

There are four goals with the Montana program. Evaluation of the program focused on efficiency of the model, implementation of the model, and then different subgroups.

Mr. Clausen would like to come back in six months and present additional information regarding Native American students.

Chairperson Report/Community Updates

Chairperson Jordann Forster gave her report. She discussed the Teacher of the Year process. Jordann would like MACIE to have more input in the questions the candidates are asked for the Montana Teacher of the Year, such as why you should be teacher of the year. She will send the questions out. She also would like see Jacob Turcotte and Teresa Heil receive the Teresa Veltkamp Advocacy Award recognition.

Community updates were done.

Old Business

❖ Meeting Schedule and Budget

The meeting schedule for 2024 that was proposed during the April meeting was presented. With the budget of \$10,000 for two years, the schedule was updated to have the August meeting via Zoom. Due to the timing the Board of Public Education is not able to contribute to funding, except for paying for Suzie's travel.

❖ Website Update

Reviewed the new website.

The member information will provide the members' names, who they represent, contact information. There will be bio and a one-two sentence statement of why MACIE is important. There will also be a picture for each member.

❖ National Education Association (NEA) Letter

Jordann Forster provided the draft letter regarding information provided by the NEA needs to be accurate and authentic. She will send this to the National Indian Education Association and through the Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE). Jordann will ask the Office of Public Instruction and the Governor's education department for support with this letter. Jordann will be making some grammatical changes and indicated she will change "recommends and advises" to "advises and calls NEA to."

Also, Jordann asked if letters of support should be put on the website also.

New Business

❖ Position Statements

Reviewed the draft of the position statement regarding supporting and preparing pre-service educators. Jeremy MacDonald recommended a revision to the second paragraph, changing "little resources or developed curriculum" to minimal background knowledge and inadequate resources." He also recommended changing the last sentence of the paragraph from "should extend into all subject areas, units, and lessons" to "should extend into all subject areas and throughout a student's school year."

All license applicants are required to take the IEFA Hub course.

After Jordann revises for Jeremy's suggestions, she will send it out and ask for an e-vote.

❖ MACIE Goals

Jordann Forster has been asked by the superintendent to review the goals to determine if they are still applicable or if they need to be updated.

Suggestions for updates were:

- ✓ recruitment of quality (or any) educators
- ✓ recruit a tribal college for the teacher residency program
- ✓ IEFA
- ✓ Best practices guidance for recruitment and retention
- ✓ keep the focus on youth
- ✓ sign language with seal of biliteracy

Jeremy MacDonald made a motion to review and revise MACIE goals with the priority on actionable and measurable objectives Dawn Bishop-Moore seconded the motion. Passed by all.

Public Comment

Carrie Kouba, Senior Manager for Improvement and Engagement indicated an update to the Montana ESSA plan and she is looking for feedback on this before February 2.

Callie Rusche Nicholson suggested working on changing Indian Education for All to Indigenous Education for All.

Callie Rusche-Nicholson motioned to adjourn the meeting and Dugan Coburn seconded the motion. Passed by all.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

The next meeting is November 1, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. on Zoom.

/s/ Dawn Bishop-Moore
Approved November 1, 2023