



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

MACIE Meeting
 August 14, 2024
 Minutes - Approved

Members Present

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| Norma Bixby | Northern Cheyenne Tribe |
| Dugan Coburn | Urban – Great Falls |
| Michelle Crazy | Fort Belknap Tribes |
| Jordann Forster | Montana Federation of Public Employees |
| Brooke Gondara | Office of Public Instruction |
| Susie Hedalen | Board of Public Education |
| Iris Kill Eagle | Little Shell Tribe |
| Rena Lambert | Fort Peck Tribes |
| Jeremy MacDonald | School Administrators of Montana |
| Calli Rusche- Nicholson | Billings Public Schools |
| Cory Sangrey-Billy | Tribal Colleges |
| <u>Office of Public Instruction/ Board of Public Education</u> | |
| Joan Franke | Julie Jeffers |
| Carrie Kouba | Christopher Morigeau |

Guests

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| Yancey Beston | MTSBA Indian School Board Caucus |
| Helen Thomas | National Indian Education Association |
| Casie Wise | National Indian Education Association |

Members Absent

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| Rodney Bird | Bureau of Indian Education |
| Dawn Bishop-Moore | Indian Impact Schools of Montana |
| Levi Black Eagle | Crow Tribe |
| Marcy Cobell | Montana Indian Education Association |
| Michael Dolson | Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes |
| Harold Dusty Bull | Blackfeet Tribe |
| Hilary Gourneau | Tribal Head Start |
| Melissa Hammett | Urban – Missoula |
| Angela McLean | Montana University System |
| John Well-Off-Man | Class 7 Teachers |

The meeting of the Advisory Council on Indian Education (MACIE) was called to order by Chairperson Jordann Forster at 9:05 a.m. Roll call was taken.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the June 5, 2024, meeting were reviewed. Dugan Coburn motioned to approve the minutes as written. Calli Rusche-Nicholson seconded the motion. Passed by all.

Ex-officio Reports

❖ Office of Public Instruction

Carrie Kouba indicated a full team is now in place for the Indian Education teams with the hiring of Chris Morigeau as the Indian Education for All (IEFA) Director and Dr. Brooke Gondara as the Director of Tribal Student Achievement and Relations (TSAR).

❖ Board of Public Education

Susie Hedalen indicated the Board of Public Education (BPE) has been working on strategic plan, adding more information on priorities regarding IEFA and MACIE. One of the bullet points is to work with MACIE, the Office of Public Instruction (OPI), and educational partners to implement IEFA. BPE appreciates MACIE as an advisory council to bring ideas to receive advise and find out how to share the council's important work and messages to promote IEFA and American Indian student achievement. BPE will be monitoring legislation and working with partners to support efforts in education.

BPE has been participating in the lawsuit and providing information on how they work to ensure IEFA is being implemented in schools. Ms. Hedalen provided information on the new accreditation process regarding IEFA.

American Indian Education Administrative Reports

❖ Indian Education for All Unit

Chris Morigeau provided information on learning the position and the Office of Public Instruction (OPI) since he has been hired.

The unit will be working with the School Administrators of Montana to provide resources to administrators so IEFA may be implemented more in schools. SAM will help with developing a flyer regarding the Integrated Strategic Action Plan (ISAP) and what information needs to be provided, along with providing space in their newsletter and more representation at conferences. On September 23 the IEFA unit will be speaking to their whole conference.

Chris indicated he would like to get out and speak to tribal councils and make connections. MACIE will be a large part of that.

Mr. Morigeau indicated IEFA will be having a strategic planning meeting to look at what the unit is doing well in Montana and where improvements can be made. He indicated he would like to focus toward helping schools that need more help based on the ISAP data.

Informational Presentations

❖ National Indian Education Association

Casie Wise and Helen Thomas provided information on the Illuminating the Contributions of Native American Veterans in Montana project, which has been in development for two years. Instructional plans being developed, grades 3-12, regarding Montana's Native American veterans' stories are aligned to the Essential Understandings Regarding Montana Indians and content standards. There will be 60-75 instructional resources by the end of the project. These will be available on the reclaimingthenarrativeneh.org website.

A professional learning opportunity, Community-Based Education Through a Native Lens, which is a four-course series, will be provided for free (250 spots) through the University of Phoenix. This is a foundational course for helping to implement IEFA. This will be online and self-paced after which the participants will receive certificates and digital badges.

Chairperson Report

MACIE members shared community events.

Chairperson Forster reviewed MACIE recommendations from the June meeting regarding uses of IEFA and American Indian Academic Student Achievement funds. These will be revisited at the October meeting and then moved to the Office of Public Instruction

Jordann provided information on what she has been working on during the summer, grant funding available, and upcoming meetings and conferences. She also provided information on what MACIE will be working on in the coming year, including elections at the October meeting, and the tentative meeting schedule for 2025.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Iris Kill Eagle motioned to adjourn the meeting and Dugan Coburn seconded the motion. Passed by all. The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 2 in person in Helena, with Zoom option.

 /s/ Dawn Bishop-Moore
Approved October 2, 2024