

Tribal Nations Education Committee (TNEC)
September 17, 2021
Carlton, MN

TNEC: Jennifer Murray – Fond Du Lac (TNEC Chair)
Maria Burnett (via Zoom) – Grand Portage (TNEC Vice Chair)
Travis Vake – Bois Forte
Brook LaFloe – Twin Cities Metro
Jackie Probst (via Zoom) – Lower Sioux
Laurie Harper (via Zoom) – Leech Lake
Paul Dressen (via Zoom) – Prairie Island
Beth Tepper (via Zoom) – Shakopee
Dana Goodwin (via Zoom) – White Earth
Billie Annette – MN Chippewa Tribe
David Isham (via Zoom) – Twin Cities Metro
Dorothy Robinson (via Zoom) – Leech Lake (alternate TNEC member)

MDE: Dr. Jane Harstad, Director – Office of Indian Education
Bobbie Burnham, Assistant Commissioner
Dr. Stephanie Burrage, Deputy Commissioner
Kristen Aiekens, AI Program Coordinator, Office of Indian Education
Doug Paulson, Asst. Dir. Of Acad. Standards, Instruction & Rulemaking
Stephanie Graff, Assistant Commissioner
Jeanne Dickhausen, Head Start Collaboration Director
Lucy Littlewolf-Arias, Tribal Nations Lead Preschool Development Grant

OLA: Sarah Delacueva, Project Manager, Office of the Legislative Auditor

Niniijaanis: Janice LaFloe

N. Sky RCE: Janella Johnson, AI School Community Tribal Liaison
Becca Neal, Director – N. Sky Regional Center of Excellence

OHE: Dennis Olson, Commissioner of Higher Education

MIAC Shannon Geshick, Executive Director

- I. Jennifer called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.
- II. Prayer was given by Laurie.
- III. Rollcall: A quorum was present.
- IV. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Beth. Second by Brook. Motion passed.
- V. Approval of August 19 minutes: Move by Maria. Second by Travis. Motion passed.

VI. Old Business:

- a. Curriculum – no update.
- b. Education for all legislation didn't pass.
 - Disappointment with how social studies standards rolled out.
- c. Other Old Business:
 - Strategic plan: contact Dawn and review at next meeting.
 - Leads on 90 plan – email plans to Jen.

VII. New Business:

- a. Doug Paulson, MDE Assistant Director of Academic Standards, Instruction & Assessment presentation:
 - Social Studies Standards is getting close to the next draft.
 - Committee meeting on September 21st to review.
 - September 22nd-27th will be editing. Final draft September 28th.
 - Power point presentation. 25 Anchor standards. Doug will send.
 - Examples of benchmarks will be added. They will be included.
 - Math Standards coming up – taking requests for committee members.
 - There are 4 spots for TNEC members.
 - Physical Education Standards – 2023-2024.
- b. Stephanie Graff, MDE Assistant Commissioner:
 - Overview of federal funds and how they can support A students.
 - Power point presentation (will be emailed) re Federal ARP funds.
 - Applications due October 1st for school districts.
 - ARP funding through 2024.
 - BIE schools can apply.
 - What is a culturally specific organization? Is being worked on...accepting thoughts/directions. Boys & Girls Club? Yes.
 - These are competitive grants. Will larger districts get priority? No.
 - Under "School Support" - \$500,000 for tribal state relations training for public school leaders.
 - Tyler Livingston is contact for ARP funds for Indian teachers and teachers of color.
- c. Sarah Delacueva, Project Manager Office of the Legislative Auditor (OLA):
 - OLA has been asked by MN legislature to conduct an evaluation of MDE's role in addressing the achievement gap, how well TNEC thinks MDE is supporting AI students.
 - A report will be released February 2022.
 - Would like to speak with TNEC members.
 - There is a team of 3 – formed in early June. Any AI staff? No.
 - MIAC was informed.
 - Survey responses received from teachers and interest groups.
 - Bipartisan committee. 12 member committee (Sarah will send list and date it was initiated)

- Main contact from TNEC for OLA will be Laurie.
- d. Janice LaFloe, Niniijaanis One of Ones:
- Power point for the Niniijaanis war pony. Looking for tribal early childhood contacts and feedback for early learning needs.
 - Fundraising for the war pony. Plan to go to every reservation.
 - Will send link to campaign.
 - Will come back to present a plan for statewide services in the future.
- e. Janelle Johnson, American Indian School Community Tribal Liaison and Becca Neal, Director of Northern Sky Regional Center of Excellence:
- Discussion on the tribal consultation process to better understand how the regional centers can provide support to identified schools who participate in the process.
 - Updates on changes to AI School Community Tribal Liaison function in the regional centers.
- f. Jeanne Dickhausen, MDE Head Start Collaboration Director and Lucy Littlewolf-Arias, Tribal Nations Lead:
- Early learning and Head Start updates.
 - Power point presentation.
 - MDE increasing max early learning scholarship award.
 - Head Start programs report monthly enrollment.
 - 8 Tribal Head Start programs (out of 33.)
- g. Dr. Jane Harstad, MDE OIE Director:
- TNEC direction needed on how to divvy funds.
 - Has not yet opened up for new grants.
 - Motion by Travis to keep \$92,000 for each of the four originally named institutions (Augsburg, BSU, Moorhead & UMD), up to \$92,000 for competitive grants and the rest for additional grantees. Second by Maria. Motion passed.
 - Tribal liaison position will be re-opened.
 - Jane will send link.
 - Admin. Asst. position is open.
 - Job description for IE for All is ready. Will share with TNEC for review.
 - Position for person in Standards (open?)
 - Several legislative proposals going forward.
- h. Commissioner Dennis Olson, Office of Higher Education:
- Shared link: Minnesota Future Together Grants to Provide Tuition-Free Pathways for High Need Careers (state.mn.us).
 - See ARP investment.
 - Pilot launch for spring semester (full implementation in the fall.)
- i. Shannon Geshick, Minnesota Indian Affairs Council Executive Director:

- Reminder about tribal leaders meeting with MDE commissioner on September 27th at 12:30 p.m.
- The next MIAC meeting is November 15-17. The public meeting will be extended to 1 ½ days. November 17th will be a ½ day for public comments and presentations.
- It will be a hybrid meeting – virtual and in-person. Public is invited in-person
- TNEC is on agenda November 16th.
- 2 grants applications next week – immersion and language preservation & revitalization.

j. Other New Business:

- Data Person: Travis. Motion by Billie. Second by Brook. Motion passed.
- Fiscal Agent for MDE Budget:
 - Prairie Island had agreed a few years back. Paul will check if this is still an option.

VIII. Adjournment: Unanimous approval to adjourn. Meeting adjourns at approximately 2:46 p.m.