Tribal Nations Education Committee (TNEC)

Draft Minutes – Public Meeting

Thursday February 17, 2022 ~ 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Zoom Host: White Earth

PARTICIPANTS

TNEC: Maria Burnett – Grand Portage (TNEC Vice-Chair)

John Morrin – Grand Portage Tribal Council Committeeman

Dana Goodwin – White Earth

Trista Ayers – White Earth (Alternate)

Kami Diver – Fond du Lac

Kevin Dupuis – Fond du Lac Chairman

Leanne Hoffman – Bois Forte

Laurie Harper – Leech Lake

Dorothy Robinson – Leech Lake (Alternate)

Jackie Probst – Lower Sioux

Paul Dressen – Prairie Island

Beth Tepper – Shakopee

Carrie Trutna – Upper Sioux

Billie Annette – MN Chippewa Tribe

David Isham – Twin Cities Metro

Brook LaFloe – Twin Cities Metro

GUESTS: Dr. Jane Harstad, MDE Director Office of Indian Education

Kristen Aiekens, MDE OIE AI Education Program Coordinator

Doug Paulson, MDE Assistant Director Academic Standards

Bobbie Burnham, MDE Assistant Commissioner

Madelyn Nelson, Governor’s Office Director of Boards/Commissioners

Alina Campell, MDE Arts Specialist

Cassy Leeport, MDE Library Programs Specialist

Tyler Livingston, MDE

Dr. Jon Peterson, MnEEP

Lucy Arias – MDE, PDG

Yvonne Goodsky, DHS

Megan Walz, DHS

Joan Brandt, MDH

Erin Bailey, Governors Children’s Cabinet

Jenny Moses, Governors Children’s Cabinet

Nikki Kovan, MDE

Dr. Stephanie Burrage, MDE Deputy Commissioner

Tracy Roloff, MDE

Brock Bowman – MDE MNIT

Ann Humphrey – BSU

John Bobolink – SPPS

Amanda Varley, MDE

1. Maria called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.
2. Approval of Agenda: Laurie moved to approve the agenda. Second by David. Motion passed.
3. Presentations:
4. Doug Paulson, MDE Assistant Director of Academic Standards, Instruction, Assessment and Bobbie Burnham, Assistant Commissioner:

* Provided update on standards review and rulemaking efforts.
* 20 anchor standards.
* Implementation of standards will be 2026-2027 school year.
* Math standards – first draft of the mathematics standards available for public. (Note: Brook is TNEC rep on math standards.)
* SONAR – statement of necessary and reasonableness.
* Power point presentation.

1. Madelyn Nelson, Director of Boards and Commissions, Governor’s Office:

* Provided information about opportunities to serve on state boards and commissions.
* Follow-up to email sent to TNEC last week about vacancies on state boards and committees (education.) PELSB has 4 positions open, MN Foundation for Student Organizations has 11 vacancies of which 4 is in education. Does TNEC have any recommendations or input on those who’ve applied?
* Recruitment is multi-pronged.
* Brook offered to receive emailed information and will send out to TNEC.
* Power point presentation.

1. Alina Campana MDE Arts Specialist and Cassy Leeport, MDE Library Programs Specialist:

* Provided information on proposed process for selecting artistic work by Native artists for inclusion in an arts education resource.
* Is working on application and nomination form for submissions of artistic work.
* Will send follow up email with info.
* What should they ask/who should they ask.
* Power point presentation.

1. Tyler Livingston, MDE (serving as program lead for MITTP):

* Update and discussion on MN Indian Teacher Training Program (MITTP).
* There are 4 original grantees. There are 3 competitive grantees. (Fond du Lac TCC and St. Cloud State (Bemidji/RL, Moorhead/WE, Augsburg/TC and UMD/Duluth Public Schools.)
* Discussion today and for future: Funding amounts for grantees. How to disperse unused funds. Allow for grantees who need more to apply for them?
* Original grantees may subcontract with other institutions.
* Can new grantees share the same K-12 partner? Yes? What would be the process?
* Can funds go to tribes to administer? Not currently – open for discussion.
* 1st and 2nd generation descendants are eligible.
* Funds can be for any educational career.
* How many teachers have been produced? Info not known.
* A TNEC meeting will be set that is focused solely on MITTP – approximately 2 weeks out. Invite Commissioner Olson, FAOs, as well as grantee reps.

1. Dr. Jon Peterson, Minnesota Education Equity Partnership (MnEEP):

* MnEEP update.
* Power point presentation.
* Discussion surrounding HF 3254.
* Race Equity Tool Kit – will send info.
* Will come back and provide further updates.

1. Yvonne Goodsky & Megan Walz (DHS), Joan Brandt (MDH), Bobbie Burnham (MDE), Nikki Kovan (MDE), Lucy Arias (MDE), Tracy Roloff; Governor’s Children Cabinet staff: Erin Bailey, Jenny Moses:

* Cross-agency state leader’s presentation of current early childhood education initiatives and their reach and impact with Tribal Nations and American Indian Children.
* Forming an advisory committee; request TNEC to be a part of this.
* Power point presentation.

1. Brock Bowman, MDE:

* MDE Report Card Data with State Definition data.
* Power point presentation.
* Normally the MDE report card is updated once per year.

1. Office of Higher Education Commissioner Dennis Olson:

* In process of developing budget bill.
* Emailed link to Governor’s Supplemental Budget Recommendations (contains short budget descriptions.)

1. MIAC Executive Director Shannon Geshick – submitted written report which included:

* MDE/MIAC 2/25/22 partnership meeting summary.
* MIAC meeting updates. (Next public meeting is March 1st.)
* MIAC legislative Initiative.

1. MDE OIE Update ~ Dr. Jane Harstad, Director.

* Metro Tribal Consultations are next week. Graham Hartley “is the new Sara George” and will be helping at the consultations.
* Not all districts have sent Tribal consultation documents/info.
* Tribal Liaison Position update? It is within HR right now.
* Other positions – working on this.
* What is difference between Cabinet working group and Executive Team? The cabinet is the Commissioner’s group that includes Assistant Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner & CFO and the Executive Team is the next level of leadership (the OIE Director and Government Relations Director are included on the Executive Team.)
* Deputy Commissioner Burrage will provide a chart of the MDE structure.

1. Adjournment: Dana moved to adjourn. Second by Brook. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 2:24 p.m.