

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 Leepport, 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

- I. Maria called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.
- II. Approval of Agenda: Laurie moved to approve the agenda. Second by David. Motion passed.
- III. Presentations:
  - a. 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.
  - b. 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.
  - c. Alina Campana MDE Arts Specialist and Cassy Leepport, 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.
  - d. 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.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.
- e. 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.
- f. 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.
- g. Brock Bowman, MDE:
- MDE Report Card Data with State Definition data.
  - Power point presentation.
  - Normally the MDE report card is updated once per year.
- h. 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.)
- i. 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 1<sup>st</sup>.)
  - MIAC legislative Initiative.
- j. 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.

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