

Tribal Nations Education Committee (TNEC)
Draft Minutes ~ Open Meeting
September 15, 2022 ~ 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Zoom Host: White Earth

PARTICIPANTS: Jennifer Murray – Fond du Lac (TNEC Chair)
Maria Burnett – Grand Portage (TNEC Vice Chair)
Dana Goodwin – White Earth
Trista Ayers – White Earth (Alternate)
Laurie Harper – Leech Lake
Jesse Kodet – Lower Sioux
Paul Dressen – Prairie Island
Lisa Tittle – Shakopee
Billie Annette – MN Chippewa Tribe
Brook LaFloe – TC Metro

MDE GUESTS: Dr. Jane Harstad, Director OIE
Kim Brenden, OIE Administrative Support
Sam Zimmerman, OIE Indigenous Education Specialist
Anjanette, Parisien, OIE Indigenous Education Specialist
Graham Hartley, ESSA Tribal Consultant and District Support
Melanie Franks, Tribal Liaison
Sandy Myers, Supervisor Early Learning Services
Stephanie Burrage, Deputy Commissioner
Bobbie Burnham, Assistant Commissioner
Tyler Livingston, Director of School Support
Stephanie Graff, Assistant Commissioner

OHE: Commissioner Dennis Olson, Commissioner

MIAC: Kaytlyn Lundstrom

- I. Jen called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.
- II. Approval of Agenda: Maria motioned to approve the agenda. Second by Jesse. Motion passed.
- III. Presentations:
 - a. **11:00 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.** Sandy Myers, MDE Supervisor Early Learning Services
 - Requesting agenda time “Concerning Government consultations specifically, TNEC prefers that agenda items be presented as presentation/information at one monthly meeting, followed by the official consultation & any necessary decisions at the next monthly meeting.”

- MDE is preparing for the next RFP for administering early learning scholarships.
 - Power Point will be made available to TNEC.
- b. **CANCELLED: 11:25 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.** Monica Hooker, MDE COMPASS American Indian School-Community Specialist.
- c. **11:50 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.** Tyler Livingston, MDE (stepped in to assist OIE with the Minnesota Indian Teacher Training Program – MITTP):
- \$49, 623.75 available to disperse to other grantees. Would like input from TNEC about this. Would like to find out who could use additional funds and get funds dispersed for Spring term.
 - There are 7 grantees. Each receive \$92,000.
 - PP presentation – Tyler will share/email to TNEC.
- d. **MIAC Update:** Kaytlyn Lundstrom:
- MIAC November 14-16, 2022 quarterly meeting will be at Red Lake.
 - TNEC will meet during the executive session on the 14th to discuss items including OLA audit, standards, SONAR, lack of accountability of funds that MDE distributes, achievement gap – what plan is in place to address post-covid, Indian Education Department, lawsuit.
- e. **Commissioner Dennis Olson, Office of Higher Education**
- OHE beginning to prepare for biennial budget (late January.)
 - Referenced written report provided last month with updates and links.
 - Highlighted two new programs: Fostering Independence Grant (funding for students who were in foster care) and Future Together Grants.
- f. **Dr. Jane Harstad, MDE OIE Director**
- Jane emailed TNEC academic standards info/chart that Kim had put together.
 - TNEC requests OIE schedule ESSA tribal consultations (with breaks) and serve as zoom host. Request school profile 2 weeks in advance. There will be one page for PC ensuring/verifying the district met with them regarding funds received for AI students.
 - Reminded to sign data sharing agreements for those who haven't yet. Who can be contacted at MDE to help with logging on and navigating this system? Adam? Jane will check and confirm.
 - November 17th is the grand opening of the new MDE building. Address is 400 Stinson Blvd. NE, MPLS. (Note: This date conflicts with TNEC meeting scheduled at Red Lake.)
 - Other discussion/questions/comments:
 - How many students COMPASS has assisted?
 - How many schools utilize tutoring with unlicensed teachers?
 - Schools complaining about AI Aid not using 50% for staffing? What types of programming.
 - Curriculum development.

- Who does audits for standards currently in place?
- Why schools use 1 domain in G&T?
- Is it being shared with parents they can request culturally relevant materials at IEPs?
- Is IE staff being included at IEPs?
- Discussion on discipline disparities and actions – Jane will get state of the report.
- What is MDE doing to address state of education for AI students?
- Field hearing – will it be recorded so it can be posted to OIE and TNEC websites? Jane/Melanie will check?

g. Anjanette Parisien and Sam Zimmerman, MDE OIE Indigenous Specialists

- See summary of activities/documents sent before the meeting.

IV. Other:

- MCT legislative dinner not determined.
- MIEA conference is scheduled for April 19-21, 2023 at Mystic Conference Center, Prior Lake.
- October TNEC meeting – zoom will be needed for the closed meeting on October 19th. (Field hearing is the next day at Hinckley.)
- Screen will be needed for November meeting at Red Lake for those wishing to attend via zoom.

V. Adjournment: Dana motioned to adjourn. Second by Laurie. Meeting adjourns at 2:32 p.m.