

South Dakota Indian Education Advisory Council

October 1st, 2020, 10:00am-12:00pm

Location : Microsoft Teams (Virtual)

Participants:

Jolene Arrow

Jim Curran

Lisa-Bordeaux Taken-Alive

Charles Cuny Jr.

Megan Deal

Cherie Farlee

Everall Fox

Sherry Johnson

Karyl Knudson

Janice Minder

Loren Paul

Whitnee Pearce

Sarah Pierce

Gail Swenson

Dave Flute

Ben Jones

Joe Moran

Abbreviations :

BIE – Bureau of Indian Education

NGSS – Next Generation Science Standards

TEDS – Tribal Education Directors

TIE – Technology & Innovation in Education Office

CTE – Career Technical Education

IHS – Indian Health Services

GEER – Governors Education Emergency Relief

Guests:

Bob Mercer

Shelby Hubach – Researcher for REL

Kerry Englert – Researcher for REL

Meeting was called to order by Secretary Flute at 9:59 am.

Sec. Flute introduced Ebony Long Fox as the new Senior Secretary for Indian Education. She is enrolled in the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe.

Approval of agenda : Motion to approve by Whitnee Pearce, seconded by Loren Paul. 9-yes 0-no, motion carried.

Approval of July 17th Minutes : Motion by Gail Swenson, seconded by Jim Curran. 9-yes 0-no, motion carried.

Sec. Flute - In the process of screening applicants for new Office of Indian Education Director. New hire recommendation will be sent to the Governor's Office for approval.

Agenda Item: Wookiye project update (Sec. Flute) – TIE is working with the Department of Tribal Relations to provide technical and administrative support for the Wookiye Teacher Project until 2021.

Agenda Item: DOE updates (Joe Moran & Sec. Jones)

Discussion of 2020 Recommendations :

Sarah Pierce –

Proposed Recommendation #1 - The office of Indian Education should be moved back to the Department of Education.

Gail Swenson –

Proposed Recommendation #2 – Waive any requirements that can be waived for 2020-21 school year to reduce burdens on teachers and administrators.

Proposed Recommendation #3 - Conduct a study on how students are learning during the pandemic and how they are managing changes in instruction and environment.

Charles Cuny Jr. –

Proposed Recommendation #4 - Make sure Tribal grant schools are taken into consideration when it comes to Coronavirus relief funding. Recommends DOE and DTR work together to create equal outcomes for all South Dakota students (particularly those attending tribal grant schools or BIE operated schools) regardless of enrollment.

Sarah Pierce motioned to hold another meeting to go over the recommendations in detail. Motion delayed until agenda item: set next meeting.

Sherry Johnson recommended next year's meetings be held at similar times to previous year's and remain virtual for the foreseeable future.

Sec. Flute recommended a special meeting to formulate the 2020 recommendations. Sec. Flute suspended agenda item 7--2020 Recommendations pending the special meeting. ***Note this will not be considered one of the annual meetings it is a special meeting.**

REL Central Update – Requested feedback from council members on Needs Assessment Survey.

Sherry Johnson motioned to have the next meeting on October 15th, 2020 from 10am-12pm.
Jim Curran seconded that motion.

Sec. Jones substituted a motion to send out a poll to council members regarding the date of the special meeting. 13-yes 0-no Sec. Jones motion carried.

Sherry Johnson withdrew her motion.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Loren Paul, seconded by Sec. Jones. 13-yes 0-no motion carried.

Meeting ended at 12:19pm.

Respectfully submitted by Ebony Long Fox



David Flute
Acting Executive Director, SD IEAC

10/22/2020
Date approved by SD IEAC