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DEPARTMENT OF TRIBAL RELATIONS  
OFFICE OF INDIAN EDUCATION

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**Indian Education Advisory Council**

**SD Office of Indian Education**

**6:00 to 7:00 PM CT**

**08MAY24**

**Zoom**

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**Meeting was called to order by Director Osborn at 6:11 PM, followed by Welcome of attendees. Roll call was then recorded.**

**Present-Virtual:** Dayna Brave Eagle, Makenzie Huber, Robert (Bob) Mercer, Camp Rich Meyer, Brian Wagner, Jacqueline Sly, Dr. Ann Robertson, Kay Schallenkamp, Megan Deal, Dr. Sherry Johnson, Secretary Joseph Graves (SD DOE), Secretary David Flute (SD DTR), Fred Osborn (SD OIE), Tammy Matson (SD DTR/OIE).

**Others Present:** Bob Mercer, Makenzie Huber

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by Kay Schallenkamp. Motion seconded by Camp Rich Meyer to approve the agenda. Motion passed by voice consent at 6:13 PM.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made to approve 12/18/2023 minutes by Dr. Sherry Johnson. Motion seconded by David Flute. Motion passed by voice consent at 6:15 PM.

**Agenda Item: 2023 OSEUS Needs Assessment Survey and 2024 Indian Education Summit**

Director Fred Osborn introduced new members and presented the 2023 Needs Assessment Survey Results Infographic, and two other documents were sent, update on 2024 Indian Education Summit, and opens each item for discussion.

Item 1: Discussing Oceti Sakowin Essential Understandings and Standards Needs Assessment Survey release, Administrator Brief: 2021 and 2023 Comparisons and Educator Brief: 2021 and 2023 Comparisons.

The implementation of essential understandings and standards has seen growth. There has been an increase in involvement and interest from stakeholders. Furthermore, school board implementation has improved. Increased awareness has been observed. However, despite progress, teacher requests and administrative support remain crucial. The council's efforts to present a balanced view through an infographic have led to positive changes in school board policies.

Item 2: Discussing permissive standards and teaching OSEUS.

The council deliberates the permissive nature of the standards and explores the feasibility of incorporating a statement into each school's accreditation indicating their implementation of the OSEUS (Oceti Sakowin Essential Understandings and Standards). Brian Wagner inquires whether there exists a pathway to make these standards mandatory or accredited across schools. However, according to Secretary Dr. Graves and Fred Osborn, these standards remain permissive and are contingent upon individual teachers or administrators incorporating them into their instruction; they are not universally required across all schools. In the context of Social Studies classes, these standards are elective and can be seamlessly integrated into lessons. However, they become mandatory only for districts that choose to adopt them, rather than being compulsory for all districts. It's important to note that the 2022 legislation failed in making these standards mandatory for all South Dakota

Public Schools. Therefore, the decision to teach the Oceti Sakowin Essential Understandings and Standards remains optional.

**Item 2: 2024 Indian Education Summit**

The council is actively discussing the 2024 South Dakota Indian Education Summit, scheduled for November 14th in Pierre. There will be a youth day, November 15th. The council plans to form a 2024 Indian Education Summit Plan Committee and seeks volunteers for this important initiative. Committee members will meet twice before the summit. Additionally, an in-person meeting of the SD IEAC (South Dakota Indian Education Advisory Council) is scheduled for Wednesday, November 13th.

**Item 3: Western Education Equity Assistance Coalition**

The council discusses the Western Education Equity Assistance Coalition emails and the possibility of having a conversation with Secretary Graves about chronic absenteeism and tribal director participation. There is going to be six more webinars hosted by the Western Education Equity Assistance Coalition this year, they just had their second one.

**Item 4: Tribal Data – Chronic Absenteeism**

The council aims to address data related to tribal schools and chronic absenteeism for schools on tribal lands. The SD DOE recently completed first year of the grant program (Chronic Absenteeism) will provide valuable insights. Following data collection, we will make the information publicly available and distribute an information summary to all South Dakota schools. Additionally, the council anticipates receiving a comprehensive report on the grant program in August 2024.

Director Osborn then opens the floor to discussion.

**Next Meeting:** TBD. The SD Office of Indian Education will be sending out a survey to schedule the next meeting. Last week of July

**Motion to Adjourn:** 6:56 PM

**Meeting Adjourned at 6:58 PM.**

Respectfully submitted by Tammy Matson, SD DTR/OIE Executive Assistant.

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Fred Osborn  
Executive Director, SD IEAC

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Date Minutes Approved

**ABBREVIATION REFERENCE:**

**BIE:** Bureau of Indian Education

**BOR:** Board of Regents

**CTE:** Career Technical Education

**DACAC:** Dakota Association for College Admission Counseling

**DOE:** Department of Education

**DTR:** Department of Tribal Relations

**IEAC:** Indian Education Advisory Council

**IES:** Indian Education Summit

**OIE:** Office of Indian Education

**OSEUS:** Oceti Sakowin Essential Understandings and Standards

**TIE:** Technology & Innovation in Education