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OFFICE OF INDIAN EDUCATION

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**Indian Education Advisory Council**

**SD Office of Indian Education**

**5:00 to 6:30 PM CT**

**08AUG24**

**Zoom**

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**Meeting was called to order by Director Osborn at 5:14 PM, followed by Welcome of attendees. Roll call was then recorded.**

**Present-Virtual:** Makenzie Huber, , Camp Rich Meyer, Brian Wagner, Dr. Ann Robertson, Dr. Sherry Johnson, Dr. Cherie Farlee, Janice Minder, Josie Green, Secretary Joseph Graves (SD DOE), Secretary David Flute (SD DTR), Fred Osborn (SD OIE), Tammy Matson (SD DTR/OIE).

**Others Present:** Vera Van Winkle (SD DOE), Shannon Malone (DOE), Rosemary Clairmont

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by Cherie Farlee. Motion seconded by Janice Minder to approve the agenda. Motion passed by voice consent at 5:26 PM.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made to approve 05/08/2024 minutes by Brian Wagner. Motion seconded by David Flute. Motion passed by voice consent at 5:27 PM.

**Agenda Item: Oceti Sakowin Essential Understanding and Standards Proposed Revisions and 2024 Indian Education Summit**

Director Fred Osborn will introduce new member at the next meeting. The main agenda item was the proposed revisions to the Oceti Sakowin Essential Understandings and Standards. Director Osborn then opens the floor to discussion.

Item 1: Discussing Oceti Sakowin Essential Understandings and Standards proposed revisions with Department of Education.

Fred Osborn discusses the completion of the Indian Education Advisory Council and introduces the proposed revisions to the Oceti Sakowin Essential Understandings and Standards. Vera Van Winkle from the South Dakota Department of Education provides details about the revision process, including the in-person and virtual meetings with over 30 committee members and the addition of appendices to aid teachers. Sherry Johnson raises concerns about the extended descriptions and the need for more time to review the draft document.

Vera Van Winkle, representing SD DOE, outlined the changes made to the standards, such as adjustments for language, increased use of indigenous language, modification of organization, and updates to appendices. Fred Osborn emphasized that there were no significant changes to each understanding and highlighted the update of the map to include the Lake Traverse Reservation, as well as the use of tribal websites to update band information. Josie Green requested a red line version of the changes for better articulation, and Brian Wagner expressed a preference for more cultural pictures in the document.

Dr. Sherry Johnson inquired about the process for the central understandings, and Vera Van Winkle outlined that they will be posted for public comment with a summary of changes. The first public hearing is September

16th in Aberdeen, and then there will be three more public hearings throughout the year, the final one being in the spring. Joseph Graves-SD DOE confirmed that the new standards, if approved, would go into effect for the 25-26 school year, and Brian Wagner raised concerns about the permissive nature of the standards and their impact on tribal members in the state.

**Item 2: 2024 Indian Education Summit**

Fred Osborn provides comprehensive details about the 2024 Indian Education Summit, such as the date, agenda, and registration fees. He also discusses the upcoming IEAC meeting, the reimbursement for mileage, and the availability of a limited Zoom option for the meeting. The planning committee is finalizing details for the 2024 South Dakota Union Education Summit, scheduled for November 14th in Pierre. There will be a youth day, November 15th. Additionally, an in-person meeting of the IEAC is scheduled for Wednesday, November 13th. Cost for registering ranges from \$50 - \$100 for November 14, Tribal Elders zero cost, and November 15 is free for youth. More details to come.

**Item 3: 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 OSEUC (Oceti Sakowin Essential Understandings and Standards). Brian Wagner inquires whether there exists a pathway to make these standards mandatory for accredited across schools. However, according to Secretary Graves, these standards remain permissive. 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.

**Action items: Action Items:**

- \*Fred Osborn will send out details for the upcoming Indian Education Summit in September.
- \*Vera Van Winkle will post the proposed revisions for public comment and hearings on the SD DOE website.

**Next Meeting:** November 13, 2024, at 5:00pm CST in person at the Ramkota Hotel located in Pierre, SD.

**Motion to Adjourn:** 5:40 PM

**Meeting Adjourned at 5:42 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