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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**

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

**04APR25**

**Zoom**

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**Meeting was called to order by Director Osborn at 5:08 PM, followed by Welcome of attendees. Roll call was then recorded.**

**Present-Virtual:** Brian Wagner, Kay Schallenkamp, Camp Rich Meyer, Dr. Ann Robertson, Dr. Cherie Farlee, Dayna Brave Eagle, Rosemary Clairmont, Sarah Vrooman, Starla Spotted Horse, Loren Paul, Dr. Sherry Johnson, Secretary Dr. Joseph Graves (SD DOE), Secretary David Flute (SD DTR), Fred Osborn (SD OIE), Tammy Matson (SD DTR/OIE)

**Members Excused:** Janice Minder and Brian Brown

**Others Present:** None

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by Brian Wagner. Motion seconded by Rich Meyer to approve the agenda. Motion passed by voice consent at 5:10 PM.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made to approve 12/26/2024 minutes by Loren Paul. Motion seconded by Brian Wagner. Motion passed by voice consent at 5:12 PM.

**Agenda Item: Wellness Study (2024 Annual Report) and OSEUS Proposed Revisions (Running Agenda)**

The meeting discussed the impact of the rescinded Native American wellness study grants due to DOGE cuts. The study aimed to identify services for Native American students and provide professional development. Despite a low response rate, initial survey results indicated a need for mental health resources and whole child approaches. The council debated whether to express concerns to congressional delegates and considered revisiting the survey. They also discussed the OSEU standards, with suggestions to use current Department of Education images and wait for final input before approving. The meeting concluded with a plan to review survey results and standards at the next meeting.

**Item 1: Wellness Study** – Director Fred Osborn provides an update on the Native American wellness study, noting that the grants have been rescinded due to DOGE cuts. The study aimed to determine services available to Native American students and identify missed opportunities between tribal schools and state/federal resources. Rich Meyer inquiries about the expected outcomes of the study, and Fred Osborn explains the focus on mental health resources, Native American pedagogy, and professional development. Kay Schallenkamp asks if concerns have been expressed to the congressional delegation about the lost funds, and Fred Osborn confirms they have not.

Rich Meyer asks about the specifics of professional development, and Fred Osborn explains it would include resources on grants, suicide prevention, and professional development for administrators, teachers, counselors, and support staff. Rich Meyer and Fred Osborn discuss the challenges of getting a high response rate for surveys, with Secretary Graves (DOE) sharing his experience of personally visiting superintendents to ensure a 100% return. Fred Osborn mentions the initial survey had a low response rate, and they planned to revisit it with a shorter survey. Dr. Graves suggests making the survey shorter and easier to complete to increase response rates. Fred Osborn confirms the survey results are still available and offers to share them with the council for further discussion.

Item 2: **OSEU Standards and Revisions** – Secretary Graves (DOE) introduces the OSEU standards and revisions, noting they will be discussed at a hearing on April 14. Brian Wagner suggests using current images from the Department of Education OSEUS resources for the standards, and Fred Osborn agrees to send them. Dr. Graves asks if the council is ready to approve the standards, and no discussion or motion is brought by the council. Brian Wagner recommends waiting until the final hearing to make a decision, considering all final input and edits.

Brian Wagner argues that the IEAC should request state officials advocate for Native children in South Dakota public schools, as tribal education directors primarily focus on BIE-funded schools. Secretary David Flute (DTR), however, reminds the committee to adhere to its primary mission, avoiding political advocacy, and reiterates the Governor's concern for all children in the state's education system.

#### **Conclusion and next steps:**

Both the Wellness Study and OSEUS revisions will be carried over to the next meeting; additionally, an agenda item concerning Federal changes affecting Native students in South Dakota will be added to the agenda. Director Osborn agrees to send the current Wellness Study survey results to the council for review. The meeting concludes with a plan to meet 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.

**Next Meeting:** TBD.

**Meeting Adjourned at 6:14 PM.**

Respectfully submitted by Tammy Matson, IEAC Secretary.

\_\_\_\_Fred Osborn \_\_\_\_\_

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