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Indian Education Advisory Council

SD Office of Indian Education

5:00 to 6:00 PM CT

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Zoom

Meeting was called to order by Director Osborn at 5:11 PM, followed by Welcome of attendees. Roll call was then recorded.

Present-Virtual: Brian Wagner, Kay Schallenkamp, Brian Brown, Dr. Cherie Farlee, Dayna Brave Eagle, Rosemary Clairmont, Starla Spotted Horse, Dr. Sherry Johnson, Janice Minder, Megan Deal, Camp (Rich) Meyer, Secretary Algin Young (SD DTR), Fred Osborn (SD OIE), Tammy Matson (SD DTR/OIE)

Others Present: Makenzie Huber, Robert (Bob) Mercer

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Rich Meyer. Motion seconded by Brian Brown to approve the agenda. Motion passed by voice consent at 5:11 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made to approve 04/02/2025 minutes by Rich Meyer. Motion seconded by Brian Wagner. Motion passed by voice consent at 5:12 PM.

Agenda Item: Wellness Study (2024 Annual Report), OSU Proposed Revisions and Book Distribution, and Federal Changes Affecting Native Students in South Dakota.

The meeting discussed the wellness program study, noting only 21 out of 569 participants completed the survey, making the data unreliable. The group proposed simplifying the survey and seeking funding for analysis. Fred Osborn mentioned the distribution of 14,000 OSEU books and the availability of free online courses. Brian Brown shared successes of his school's drum group at an international festival. The next meeting will be in-person in Aberdeen on November 13, with the Indian Education Summit on November 14. Concerns were raised about the impact of federal funding cuts on public schools and the CANS program for free and reduced lunch.

Item 1: Wellness Study – The meeting opened with a discussion on the wellness program study. Director Fred Osborn explained the background of the study and the low participation rate in the initial survey. Only 21 out of 569 participants completed the survey, rendering the data unreliable. Brian Wagner suggested redoing the survey, but Fred Osborn noted the lack of funding and the inability to handle the data without the Comprehensive Center's assistance. Dayna Brave Eagle and others discussed the reliability of the initial survey results and the possibility of utilizing the existing survey format for future studies if funding could be secured. Rich Meyer proposed simplifying and shortening the survey to increase participation. Fred Osborn agreed to review drafts of proposed shortened surveys as part of the work product of the Comprehensive Center project. Brian Wagner proposed forming a committee to create a more user-friendly survey for the upcoming fall conference, and Fred Osborn committed to sending the current survey questionnaire to the committee members for their review. Additionally, Director Osborn will invite the Department of Education division to the next meeting to provide updates on available student wellness programs in South Dakota.

Item 2: OSU Proposed Revisions and Book Distribution Fred Osborn provided an update on the revisions to the Oceti Sakowin Essential Understandings (OSEU) and Standards. He mentioned the addition of photos of elders to the OSEU booklet and the distribution of the new booklets to various schools and conferences. Rich Meyer inquired if each

committee member could receive a book, and Fred Osborn agreed to mail them. Dayna Brave Eagle asked about reprinting the booklets, and Fred explained that a digital copy is available for download from the South Dakota Department of Education website.

Item 3: **Federal Changes Affecting Native Students in South Dakota**- Fred Osborn opened the floor for discussion on federal changes affecting Native students in South Dakota. Brian Wagner explained the competitive process for applying for tribal education department grants and emphasized the need for increased funding. Fred Osborn acknowledged this topic required further discussion and planned to include it in the next meeting's agenda. Dayna Brave Eagle shared her concerns regarding the impact of federal funding cuts on public schools and the potential regression of student learning, particularly in relation to no summer school and the CANS program for free and reduced lunch.

Conclusion:

The next meeting will be an in-person meeting in Aberdeen on November 13, with the Indian Education Summit scheduled for November 14. Brian Wagner requested to keep the discussion on federal changes affecting Native students on the agenda for the next meeting. Cherie Farlee inquired about the terms of the committee members, and Fred confirmed that current terms end December 31, 2025.

Next Meeting: In-person November 13, 2025, in Aberdeen.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion made by Brian Wagner. Motion seconded by Rich Meyer. Motion passed by voice consent.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Tammy Matson, IEAC Secretary.

Fred Osborn
Executive Director, SD IEAC

Date Minutes Approved

ABBREVIATION REFERENCE:

BIE: Bureau of Indian Education

BOR: Board of Regents

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