



Region III

Region III MRESA/CSPD Council Meeting (WebEx)

May 15, 2020

Attendance

Michelle Audet, Billings Public Schools; Sara Evans, Laurel Public Schools; Libby Johnson, Yellowstone West Carbon County Special Services Cooperative (YWCCSSC); John Keener; Montana Center for Inclusive Education (MCIE); Marlena Lanini, MonTECH; Prudence Lybeck, Blue Creek Elementary; Tom Manthey, MCIE; Kara McDonald, Laurel Public Schools; Debra Miller, MCIE; Brent Morris, LIFTT; Christina Olstad, East Yellowstone Cooperative; Ben Radakovich, Hardin High School; Christa Tescher, Early Childhood Intervention; Guests included Dr. Nava, MSUB.

Welcome and Member Sharing

The participants introduced themselves and stated what school or organization they represented.

College of Education Update: Dr. Nava

Dr. Nava reported that MSUB went through a strategic alignment process this year that will result in many changes. The information reported in the Billings Gazette was misleading and was not accurate. The special education program will not be discontinued, it will be reclassified. MSUB is preparing to offer all special education programs as part of a Masters program or as part of a certificate program. Since MSUB's Spanish Major will be discontinued, it is not certain if the Masters program in Secondary Spanish will be offered. The future of the Political Science Masters program is also uncertain at this time. Next year MSUB will move into phase 3 of the strategic alignment process and discussions will revolve around how to better meet the needs of educators in the field, including more of a focus on trauma informed practices, and how to better serve the Native American population.

Region III Updates/Planning

The council reviewed the indicators Region III did not meet on the 2019/2020 State Measurement Data Report and discussed the Root Cause Analysis for each indicator and how to meet the indicators, see attached professional development collaboration template.

Meeting Wrap Up/Set Dates for 2020/2021 Meeting:

Marlena reported on the MontCOMM conference on August 4. Scholarships will be available from Region III CSPD. For information or to register visit the [MontComm](#) website.

John reported that The Movin' on In Montana Summer Camp will be reformatted due to COVID-19. The program will consist of three online sessions and a one-day visit on the MSUB campus on either June 23, 24, or 25. Each campus visit will be limited to five students. For more information or to apply for the program visit the [Movin' On in Montana](#) website.

John reported that Dr. Randy Russell will present two Self-Care: The Key to Well-being, Resiliency, and Success workshops on August 12 (Educators) and August 13 (Administrators) registration is now open.

The following meeting dates were selected for next year:

- September 25, 2020
- January 29, 2021
- May 14, 2021

Please send your professional development suggestions items to Deb as soon as possible.