

WSNAEAC Meeting  
 Minutes

8:30–11:00 am  
 February 8, 2023  
 Zoom

Attendee List					
1	Anna Armstrong	2	Binah McCloud—Absent	3	Cindy Kelly
4	Else Washines	5	Gail Morris	6	Jarrood Da
7	Jennifer LeBret	8	Jerad Koepp	9	Jeremy Rouse—Absent
10	Joseph Martin	11	Lolita Ceja	12	Michelle Parkin
13	Patsy Whitefoot	14	Sally Brownfield	15	Sara Marie Ortiz—Excused
16	Sonia Barry—Absent	17	Tamika LaMere	18	Zenitha Jimicum
19	Zoe Higheagle Strong—Absent	20	Bernie Thomas—ONE	21	Joan Banker—ONE
22	Kari Tally—ONE	23	Maxine Alex—ONE	24	Mona Halcomb—ONE
25	Rachel Buckle—ONE	26	Rebecca Purser—ONE	27	Shandy Abrahamson—ONE
28	Veronica Gallardo—OSSI	29	Arlie Neskahi—Contractor	30	

## 8:30am—Sign In

## 8:40am—Welcome & Introductions

- Members share stories and how they’re coming in.

## 8:50am—Actions

### Roll Call

- Affirmation of quorum established; attendance noted.

### Approval of Agendas

- Motion to approve agenda from last WSNAEAC meeting (December 7, 2022) made by Jerad.
- Motion seconded by Patsy.
- Committee unanimously approves December 7, 2022, agenda.
- Motion to approve today’s agenda made by Jarrod.
- Motion seconded by Patsy.
- Anna asks if we have an updated list of Laura’s tasks with assignments to subcommittees and if they were shared to ONE.
  - Adding to today’s agenda under Bernie’s section.
- Motion to approve agenda with addition mentioned above, made by Jerad.
- Motion seconded by Patsy.
- Committee unanimously approves today’s agenda with addition of updates of ONE positions and Dr. Laura Lynn’s duties and subcommittee assignments.

## Approval of Meetings Minutes

October 17, 2022, November 1, 2022, December 7, 2022

- Motion to approve made by Jerad.
- Seconded by Patsy.
- Committee unanimously approves.

## 8:55am—Updates from Veronica

### ONE Director Position

- Posting Assistant Director position at the same time as Executive Director position.
- Executive Director hiring packet was approved and budget is being finalized.
  - Posted by Friday (February 10) or early next week.
- Asking for two (2) reps of the committee to do the interview process.
- Not ready to share position description but will let committee know when to share out.
- Bernie is welcome to apply for this position.

### Legislative Bills Update

- Policy protocols were major part of Dr. Laura's job; shift in ONE staff to take part in this.
- Tight deadlines of bills dropping, updates in leadership meetings, monitoring or recommending support of bills.

### Q&A

- Patsy: What do our major policies encompass?
  - Veronica: ONE has a few policies:
    - Teacher Pipeline: ONE falls under its OSPI umbrella;
    - Outdoor Education Program;
    - Dual Language.
  - Veronica: When we have these policy asks and we meet with the folks on the hill or we revise what they've written, we then have to do a budget component that goes with it.
    - These budgets have to have consideration for administrative support, professional development dollars, etc.; so, we have to think in larger budget terms to support the bills.
    - We are constantly checking and monitoring in a very short notification window.
- Patsy: Are there any specific standards which apply?
  - Veronica: Not necessarily standards, but happy to send bill language for each one.
- Jen: Let us know if bill is indirectly related to or has an indirect impact on education.
  - Veronica: Will have Annie Blackledge cull and provide bills within 3–5 days. Annie monitors for OSSI and informs of deadlines.
  - Bernie: Rules of engagement around bill analysis and legislation response which doesn't impose on the committee to attend in-person meetings.
    - Need to work out an informal way of providing information and how and

- when to testify for bills.
  - Thank you to Rebecca for testifying on our behalf.
  - Our internal procedures were not known by our program as Dr. Laura Lynn had always handled.
- Sally: ONE has helped as advocate on bills and committee meetings, education, and indigenous matters across the state, but feel out of the loop, not receiving information like in the past. Has testified on the fly, should at least be able to give written testimony, but don't know all the bills coming down, hopes to stay current and continue collaborative support (not just weighing onto one person).
  - Bernie: This is helpful to know. We'll work to get bill information out to the committee, to ensure internal structures are in place, provide a clear pathway of understanding, answer questions, provide meeting information, and communicate with the committee.

### **Update on ESSA/WSIF Funding**

- Else: Asks if Veronica can provide a quick ESSA/WSIF update. How is re-identification of all schools in school improvement who are in tier 1, 2, 3 and RAD going? Any possibilities of continuing funding for the 3 RAD schools on Yakama Rez? The pandemic funding was well-intentioned but need to know how it affected school improvement.
  - Veronica: Met with the Superintendent and Executive committee on ESSA rewrites and WSIF (student data on school improvement) tiers 1–3 and RAD (identified by 5% or more of the lowest performing schools).
    - Data is still running, which is taking long because we're looking at five years of data and all types of data:
      - Smarter balance assessments across grade systems, 9th grade readiness, attendance: Using all these measures are to identify which schools have shifted between the tiers, which will now be in RAD schools.
      - We should have information to schools by the first week of March.
      - Dirty data is 75% schools are staying within level or higher identification.
      - We will be creating webinars to walk through data with new superintendents (35% superintendents are new) and will call schools individually if in RAD status.
- Else: Dr. Laura reached out to Tribes to let them know. Can we do that?
  - Veronica: Yes, absolutely. We will have all our assistant superintendents making those calls to notify the superintendents.
  - We are making edits to ESSA, one of them being a change in the EL assessment, so, we must notify that this is happening.
  - Just remember the data will look a bit wonky this first time around as we have two years with no data on Smarter Balance.
- Else: School seeks additional funding to give students resources and ensure achievement.
  - Veronica: School improvement has underspend dollars every year, but though we

cannot use that funding this year, we can earmark for the coming years, specific dollars to provide continuous funding so it's not a threat to our programs every two or three years. We will be writing it into our language for 2023–24.

## Update on Subcommittees

- Cindy: Regarding our subcommittees, we have not had a meeting is quite some time. Are we not using our subcommittees any longer? Mona and Cindy will have weekly legislative subcommittee meetings, but they need to include the entire subcommittee.
  - Veronica: I encourage you to invite Annie Blackledge, Assistant Director of Policy, to meetings.
    - Annie works for Veronica (OSSI) and oversees policy for OSSI, which includes ONE, and has to get into the weeds of all things policy and ensures staff are providing testimony.
    - Anna Hernandez-French is our Government Relations (GR) person who coordinates schedules and technical work.
- Patsy: Noticed that the data subcommittee contractors (Arlie & Jenny) are not included in these meetings but feel they should be.
  - Veronica: Probably not written in contract, but we can amend to write this in, but this is an executive committee decision.
- Patsy makes a motion to proceed to amend the contract.
- Cindy seconds to make amendment to contract.
- All in favor of amending contracts.
- Veronica announces that Kari and Melinda will process the amendments.
- Patsy: Contractors should also receive meeting minutes.
- Jen: Ensure we all have subcommittee list, including new members.
  - Bernie: ONE will go through organizing staff and subcommittees in Thursday meeting, including anything relating to policy and the bills coming through that relate to Tribal education in some form or another.
- Gail: Wants to be a part of subcommittees; emailed Jen but hadn't heard back, asks for latest update on subcommittees; Gail will resend email to Jen.
  - Veronica: Laura provided a list before she left, and Veronica will share it to the committee.
    - Kari outlines Laura's details:
      - No more than one subcommittee meeting per month;
      - ONE will assign ambassador to attend each meeting;
      - ONE ambassadors were assigned but being revised when Laura left.
      - Subcommittees will take their own minutes.

## 9:35am—Legislation Update—ONE Staff

### WSNAEAC Legislative/Government to Government Committee

#### Update—Cindy Kelly

- Maxine gives update on Government-to-Government (G2G) trainings:

- SB5252: Dates of trainings tentatively set; is meeting with WSSDA to finalize registration process; dress rehearsal; new admin to help schedule trainings; working with WSSDA on their legislative requirement; more information tomorrow; announced at ATNI and sent survey out.
- HB1426: Meeting Friday to get TLC & GOIA approval (part of our legislative requirement) before going live with curriculum; scheduling times/dates, exact number for training, going live in July.

## **9:40am—ONE Director Updates —Bernie Thomas**

### **STEC School Boards Being Accepted into WSSDA**

- Cindy, Sally, and others have helped through the years to incorporate into WSSDA; how to adopt school policies and so forth.
  - Perhaps we adopt our own policies (own ESD) and get more Federal funding.
  - Recognition of sovereignty, treaty rights to education (e.g., provision 14 provides for trade school), utilize committee to network on these issues.
  - WSSDA is beneficial for our work but fundamentally up to the committee and ONE to advocate.
  - But we don't want to create a mini public school because you can see where that's gotten us.
  - Need to push for decolonization of policies and recognition of different Tribes.
  - Large number of Tribal members live off the reservations, but where are they?
  - Language revitalization, curriculum design, and artificial intelligence around those languages.
  - G2G consultation and overarching law; teachers recertificated by September.
    - How will new law impact operations of schools and staff?
- Cindy: Had conversation with WSSDA but need deeper conversation with the STECs. There would be mandatory dues if they want to move forward, and we just drop a bill to add them to it. But there are also some not so beneficial aspects to being a part of WSSDA. STECs would need to pay for some added services.
- Anna: I believe that WSSDA services and resources are available to compact and private tribal schools. there is something about why they cannot be members, but the resources are accessible. I can invite Tim to come and address anyone who is interested. WSSDA was created with a purpose and guidelines. Public School status has something to do with the membership, where you are only afforded the eligibility to serve on WSSDA boards. but all resources are available to all schools including tribal compact, private and charter schools.
- Sally: All public schools are required to pay a membership and be a part of WSSDA
  - Rebecca: Anna, do you think a reason why the STEC school boards aren't members is because of some Tribal councils being the school boards?
    - Jen: I think that would be a good idea, Anna. Let's get everything clarified

## Who is Taking Over Dr. Laura's Duties?

- Bernie: It's been Ad Hoc and in disarray due to unawareness of processes but will discuss in ONE meeting to identify subcommittees and ambassadors, bill considerations and monitoring, impact of bills on STECs.
  - We will break down these duties into chunks as opposed to putting all onto one staff member. In the future we will be responding more proactively and inform of ONE duties and testifying on bills.
  - Shandy: For STI support, Kayla and I were asked by Dr. LL to handle west side (Kayla) and east side (me) until position is filled. Of course, guided by Joan and her amazing self.

## 10:05am—Next WSNAEAC Meeting

- April 5th in afternoon, then all day the 6th | In person | After WSIEA Conference.
  - Share conference with networks.
- Kari will send Doodle Poll for April and March dates.
- Have another virtual meeting in March: avoid 1st & 2nd weeks.
- Jen leaves and turns meeting over to Anna.
- Joan shares that Arlie will offer Social Emotional Learning regional training dates in March and April.
  - Will send to Kari to send to the committee (six dates); location cities are determined but not facilities.
  - Consider the Tribal consultation training dates to work around.

## 10:30am—Committee Member Sharing

- Arlie Neskahi (SEL/Intergenerational Trauma Contractor) joins meeting and will update committee in future meeting (recovering from surgery).
- Else shares organization chart to clarify roles of the committee and ONE.
  - Contains RCWs, ONE and Contractor duties, Bylaws and Liaisons, Subcommittees.
  - Subcommittee information is from Dr. Laura Lynn's list.
  - Will put into a Google Doc and add with meeting minutes.
- Patsy curious about end dates of ESSER-funded positions
  - Veronica: Funding for these positions are due to end on 8/31/23
  - Currently in process of are asking for ESSER funding extensions for 2024, requires a full budget process and recommendations.
  - Underspends are helpful, but still need to submit extensions (Melinda is submitting budget requests.)
    - Positions are by job title and not name of employee, as follows:

- Data Analyst and Educator Cultivation: No easy lift and will submit extensions for these two.
- Tribal Language Liaison: Should be an easy lift.
- Veronica shares Office of System & School Improvement (OSSI) org chart, which includes ONE.
- Anna: WSSDA is on the hill but cannot attend.
- Mona: Gates Webinar for Graduation in April, ONE submitting for Theme, planning meeting, the good work ONE is doing is a result of the committee.
- Shandy: Subcommittee reorganizations, dividing out into smaller groups, meetings.
  - Cindy: Early Ed K–12 and Higher Ed: Good to break up subcommittee.
- Cindy to Rebecca: I received a call from parent of graduating student, they have to submit forms to the superintendent to be approved to wear regalia but wants to see if we can send notice to superintendents that this policy is no longer required.
  - Veronica: We have a policy going out to superintendents in March and [maybe] May by Superintendent Reykdal which also contains language.
  - Cindy suggests we highlight that section before sending it out.
- Patsy: Data subcommittee hasn't met in a while and wants to meet soon.
- Anna: Subcommittees should be calling their meetings as needed.
- Anna: Please sign up for WSIEA conference and share information out to networks.
- Cindy: Next week is the WWNEAC conference; please sign up to attend.
- Rebecca: Identified as project lead on bills:
  - HB1399: Native Scholarship:
    - Bill is moving forward; had a lot of testifiers: Elders, educators (Tribal, nontribal), students. Good traction, legislature did some work on it.
  - HB1711: Telecommunications, Internet, Infrastructure: Bills regarding sales tax that Federally recognized Tribes are not required to pay.
  - SB5648: Waivers for SBA
  - HB1332: Tribal instruction
  - Getting subcommittees back on track.
- Bernie: Surgery is February 15th and cannot drive for ten days afterwards.

## 10:26am—Meeting Adjourned

- Motion made by Cindy.
- Seconded by Patsy.
- Motion carried.

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