

## Science Advisory Committee



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Eric has been involved in scientific discovery and science education since 1999. He is currently a Science Teacher at Whitefish High School where he took over the Flathead River Educational Effort for Focused Learning in Our Watershed program (Project FREEFLOW). He came to Whitefish after 8 years of teaching for the Kalispell School District where he taught Earth Science, Biology, and IB Environmental Systems and Societies. Eric worked with colleagues to develop inquiry-based science curriculums, and as a Freshman Academy faculty member to ensure a positive and successful experience for incoming freshman. He raised funds to obtain research equipment and conduct field trips for the enrichment of his students; and challenged students to investigate current global issues through the empirical scientific model. Prior to teaching, Eric worked as a Lake Monitoring Coordinator for Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, as a Soil Scientist and Chemistry Lab Technician for the University of Montana, a Naturalist for Yosemite Valley School, and a Field Biologist for the Institute for Bird Populations. Eric has a MS in Secondary Science Education from MSU, Bozeman, and a BS in Ecology and Systematic Biology from Cal Poly.