

North Dakota Educational Technology Council Meeting

November 6, 2003

10:00-3:00 PM

Lewis and Clark Room, State Capitol Bismarck

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am by Chair Lisa Feldner

Members present:

Tom Cummings	Kevin Keenaghan	Bev Nielson
Tom Eberle	Joe Linnertz	Curt Wolfe
Lisa Feldner		

Members absent:

Grant Crawford	Wayne Sanstead
Wayne Kutzer	

Staff present:

Dan Pullen	Jody French	Neil Howe
Deborah Janzen		

Guests present:

Tanna Kincaid	TWT Director
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Correspondence

The ETC received a thank you note from Laurie Martin. The note was distributed to the members.

Approval of Agenda

Dan Pullen requested an addition to the New Business section of the agenda “Annual Use of the PCC.” This item is 8-C on the agenda.

Consent Agenda

Bev Nielson moved to approve the consent agenda items. Tom Cummings seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Yes: Cummings, Eberle, Feldner, Keenaghan, Linnertz, Nielson, Wolfe; No: none; Absent: Crawford, Kutzer, Sanstead.)

Recognition activities

Dan Pullen received the Outstanding Achievement in Education from ITCND for 2003. He was nominated by Curt Wolfe. Congratulations Dan.

Old Business

No old business to address.

New Business

Jody French requested two ETC members to serve on an Internet Filtering Appeals Committee. This committee will make the final decision on Internet filtering questions. Kevin Keenaghan and Shawneen Voiles volunteered to serve on the committee.

Bev Nielson moved to establish an Internet Filtering Committee for a two year term. Tom Eberle seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Yes: Cummings, Eberle, Feldner, Keenaghan, Linnertz, Nielson, Wolfe; No: none; Absent: Crawford, Kutzer, Sanstead.)

Neil Howe presented information on the space needs for NDIS. He listed four alternatives to provide additional space. The preferred alternative is to build an addition to the current structure. Two meetings have been held to discuss the proposal; Curt Wolfe, Dan Pullen, and Neil Howe met with Bill Getz of the Governor's Office and Dan Pullen and Neil Howe met with Pam Sharp of OMB. The proposal met with positive responses in both meetings. Pam Sharp will draft two basic scenarios; one with 50% money down and a 50% bond for 10 years and a 50% bond for 20 years and two with 35% money down and a 65% bond for 10 years and a 65% bond for 20 years. Both bonding authority and legislative authority are needed from the legislature to proceed with the building. A pre-planning request now could provide funds to pay an architect for updating the schematic.

The ETC will hold the May quarterly meeting at the Division for a first hand view of the building.

Dan Pullen presented information on using the Professional Competency Continuum On-Line Assessment Tool (PCC) on an annual basis. Using this assessment tool could be used for district planning and to meet the NCLB requirements to have an improvement plan in place to receive Title II-D funds.

The Council supports by consensus the concept of meeting standards by using the PCC for education technology in schools.

Policy Reviews

Lisa Feldner stated that the policies would be discussed individually, and reaffirming or updating would be approved as a group.

- EL-1: Global Executive Restraint – No changes were suggested to this policy.
- EL-2: Emergency Director Succession - No changes were suggested to this policy
- EL-3: Treatment of Public - No changes were suggested to this policy
- EL-4: Staff Treatment - No changes were suggested to this policy
- EL-5: Staff Compensation - No changes were suggested to this policy
- EL-6: Staff Evaluation- No changes were suggested to this policy

Bev Nielson moved to indicate that Executive Limitation Policy numbers 1-6 are in compliance and affirm the policies as written. Tom Eberle seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(Yes: Cummings, Eberle, Feldner, Keenaghan, Linnertz, Nielson, Wolfe; No: none; Absent: Crawford, Kutzer, Sanstead.)

Results Policies – No changes on the results policies.

Council and Staff Reports

1. The Internet Filtering Committee - The committee prepared and the ETC passed a new Internet Filtering policy which requires local input on the filtering level used by each school district. Each district is to complete and return a form by December 15, 2003 indicating this filtering level. Thirty nine percent of the districts have responded to date with the majority requesting the present level of filtering.

The Internet Filtering Committee has accomplished its purpose and is disbanded as of this meeting.

2. The Data Collection Initiative Committee - Dan Pullen presented the end of the year written report from the Data Collection Initiative Committee. Some of this information will be presented to the Interim Education and the Interim IT committees this fall.

Dan Pullen requested that the committee be reauthorized for another year. Bev Nielson moves to reauthorize the Data Collection Initiative Committee through November 2004. Curt Wolfe seconds the motion, which passed unanimously. (Yes: Cummings, Eberle, Feldner, Keenaghan, Linnertz, Nielson, Wolfe; No: none; Absent: Crawford, Kutzer, Sanstead.)

3. NDSBA Report – Bev Nielson highlighted the written report from the School Board Association. See the attached document for the list of areas of concern to both the School Board Association and ETC.

4. NDCEL Report—Kevin Keenaghan reported that the Council of Educational Leaders are concerned about the limitations of the Acceptable Use Policy affecting the state network. The council is considering owning its own server to conduct the lobbying efforts. The Council of Educational Leaders is working to build a dialogue with the Department of Public Instruction on testing issues.

5. DPI Report—Joe Linnertz distributed a written report on the Title II-D funding. Fifty percent of the money allocated to North Dakota is automatically distributed to schools based on Title I eligibility and 50% of the money is distributed based on competitive grants submitted by eligible schools. North Dakota has approximately \$4 million dollars to allocate to the schools.

6. NDEA Report - No report.

7. SANS Report—Tom Eberle gave an outline of the State Association for Non-public Schools.

8. NDSESC Report – Tom Cummings emphasized that Special ed units are quite interested in using videoconferencing for a variety of uses because each of the 32 districts are large. See the attached document for the list of technology issues of concern to the Special Education Study Committee.

9. EduTech – Jody French presented the quarterly written report. This report is organized by the results policies of the ETC.

IVN is concerned with the inconsistency of collecting fees among all of the sites providing ITV classroom space. The K12 sites do not charge a fee, but the University system does. Courses are being scheduled at K12 sites to reduce costs for the course provider, this undermines the University system's funding. Discussions need to occur to work out a new structure for providing ITV services to the state's educators.

10. NDIS – Neil Howe pointed out the enrollment and sale of materials trends on the attached written report.

11. Director's Report – Dan Pullen outlined the PowerPoint/print report listing the tech planning, E-Rate, PowerSchool and videoconferencing grants projects; both the results of the 2002-03 grants and the 2003-04 grant process. Dan Pullen requested a volunteer to work on the State Educational Technology Plan. Lisa Feldner volunteered.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 9, 2004 from 9:00-1:00

The meeting was adjourned at 2:36 pm.

Minutes submitted by Deborah Janzen