

North Dakota Educational Technology Council Meeting

February 3, 2005

10:00-3:00 PM

Hughes Administration Building, Bismarck Public Schools

Lisa Feldner, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM

Members present: Grant Crawford Tom Cummings Anita Decker
Tom Eberle Lisa Feldner Chris Kalash Kevin Keenaghan
Shawneen Voiles Curt Wolfe

Members absent: Jon Kringen Wayne Kutzer Bev Nielson

Staff present: Dan Pullen Jody French Neil Howe
Deborah Janzen via phone

Guests present: Jerry Fossum - ITD

Approval of Agenda

Jerry Fossum will present information about the STAGEnet re-bid process as his schedule permits.

Consent Agenda

Chris Kalash moved to approve the consent agenda. Tom Eberle seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Recognition activities

Dan Pullen was quoted in the January 2005 online issue of Edutopia. His statements concerned the new National Educational Technology Plan.

Old Business

Legislative agenda -- The ETC budget is looked at favorably with the exception of the grants line item. This line item is vulnerable to being reduced.

ITD deficiency appropriations – Curt Wolfe is confident that the deficiency will be reinstated to the ITD budget. This includes \$60,000 ETC funds and \$50,000 EduTech funds.

Response to NDCEL request to EduTech – Jody French reported to the Council that the EduTech staff developed three strategies to respond to NDCEL's request to provide support for

schools to implement curriculum strategies that use technology to enhance and improve learning for math and reading curriculums.

After review and discussion by NDCEL, EduTech staff members will meet with designees of NDCEL to:

1. Determine if NDCEL schools are interested in these services – that determination may require a survey of board members or the membership,
2. Discuss the best methods for marketing these services either through the NDCEL discussion list, newsletter, face-to-face events, or other means,
3. Discuss the level of commitment that will be required by potential participating schools, related to staff time, substitute and travel expenses, and charges by EduTech.

New Business

No new business.

Policy Reviews

Lisa Feldner, stated that the policies on the agenda would be discussed individually, and reaffirming or updating would be approved as a group. Dan asked that EL-7 be discussed separately.

- GP-8 Agenda Planning - No changes were suggested to this policy.
- EL-7 Budgeting/Financial Planning - No changes were suggested to this policy
- EL-8 Financial Administration - No changes were suggested to this policy
- EL-9 Asset Protection - No changes were suggested to this policy
- EL-10 Communication and Counsel to the Council – No change were suggested to this policy

Tom Eberle moved to indicate that Governance Process Policy number 8 and Executive Limitations Policy numbers 7 through 10 are in compliance and affirm the policies as written. Grant Crawford seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Council Development

The Council made three suggestions for presentations at forthcoming Council meetings.

1. LMS (Learning Management Systems) Grant Crawford will locate a presenter for the August meeting
2. National Education Technology Plan – Dan Pullen will present information at the April meeting
3. Online Assessment – Lisa Feldner and Dan Pullen will present information at the April meeting

IT Security for K12 Schools – Jody French presented an overview of the security risks in the technological environment. She detailed steps that EduTech will take to minimize the vulnerability of school technology.

- Use CoSN resources as a base
- Add security to LAN consulting service
- Add security module (4 hr) to network Administration for K12 course
- NDATL Fall Face to Face Meeting
 - General session presentations
 - Afternoon con-current sessions
 - Vendor support
- IT Security conference with NDSU – Fall 2005

Council, Staff and Other Reports

Jerry Fossum of ITD reported that ITD is bidding the state network to meet the competitive bidding guidelines of e-rate and to meet state purchasing regulations. The re-bid will be for an infrastructure that supports new technologies rather than the one that exists.

Goals for the new network include increased bandwidth,

- better security
- higher reliability
- better presence in Grand Forks
- including state wide wireless or wi-fi hot spots.

ITD is in the process of hiring a consultant now.

Timeline:

1. The RFP will be let May.
2. Vendors will have summer to submit their bids
3. Vendor selection August/September.
4. Contract negotiations October.
5. The vendor who wins the bid will determine implementation timelines.

EduTech – The professional development list will include PowerSchool training starting with the April report. Jody highlighted the EduTech contract with DPI regarding TetraData. EduTech may not be providing the best support for this project and is considering discontinuing the contract.

Jody also mentioned the professional development trends during the current quarter. Atlas Curriculum mapping training has been well attended. The video training opportunities will increase in Spring 2005. The increase is in response to higher attendance. EduTech is participating in some Internet2 activities as *Read Across America*.

NDIS – Neil Howe presented the NDIS statistics report. He highlighted two issues: the discrepancy between salaries for the Division’s classified teaching staff and the non-classified teaching staff in the other three state schools is widening. He is working on a

solution. The Division has been asked to design North Dakota Studies courses for students in the fourth and eighth grades. This is an opportunity to update the current course.

Director's Report – Dan Pullen highlighted the following:

1. He is visiting the sites which received ETC grant monies to set up video classrooms. There are 27 sites. He has been to 17 of these sites. The visits should be completed this school year.
2. ETC and DPI revised their Memorandum of Agreement. It was signed in December, 2004.

The next meeting is set for April 19, 2005 from 10:00 to 1:00 at the Hughes Administration Building, Bismarck Public Schools.

Lisa Feldner adjourned the meeting at 12:20 PM.

Minutes submitted by Deborah Janzen.