

North Dakota Educational Technology Council
Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2005

10:00-3:00 PM

Hughes Administration Building, Bismarck Public Schools

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

<i>Members present:</i>	Grant Crawford Kevin Keenaghan Shawneen Voiles	Lisa Feldner Jon Kringen Curt Wolfe	Chris Kalash Wayne Kutzer
<i>Members absent:</i>	Tom Cummings Bev Nielson	Anita Decker	Tom Eberle
<i>Staff present:</i>	Dan Pullen Deborah Janzen	Don Simon	Neil Howe via phone
<i>Guests present:</i>	Bill Strasser - GWN		

Correspondence

The Division of Independent Study received the annual elementary accreditation with commendation.

Approval of Agenda

Curt Wolfe and Dan Pullen will leave at 10:45 am for a legislative committee meeting.
Move 11-B 'NDIS report' to be included with 8-A 'NDIS discussion.'
Move C/DR-2 to be included on the 5 'Consent Agenda'
Add 10-C 'NWEA Assessment Presentation' by Lisa Feldner and Shawnee Voiles

Consent Agenda

Kevin Keenaghan moved to approve the consent agenda adding the dollar amount of the EduTech shortfall in the minutes. Chris Kalash seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Yes: Feldner, Kalash, Keenaghan, Kringen, Kutzer, Voiles, Wolfe; No: none, Absent: Crawford, Cummings, Decker, Eberle, Nielson)

Old Business

Legislative agenda -- The ETC budget is looked at favorably with the exception of the grants line item. This line item is moving toward the halfway point between the Senate and the House versions of Bill 2021. This would be approximately \$915,000.

The Council needs to look at the *Results Policies* with an eye toward a better ability to effectively communicate accomplishments with legislators.

Jody French and Dan Pullen will meet with NDEA to further resolve the use of state funded email to contact legislators.

New Business

a. NDIS discussion - Dan Pullen announced that Neil Howe is contemplating retirement sometime during 2005. The ETC is responsible for hiring the new NDIS director. Some members of the ETC will be part of the search committee. The committee members need to be appointed within the next month with the committee work to begin when the retirement is announced. Chris Kalash moved to accept Dan Pullen's committee member recommendations, Dan Pullen, Lisa Feldner and Anita Decker with the addition of Jon Kringen and no more than three committee members appointed from NDIS. Kevin Keenaghan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Yes: Crawford, Feldner, Kalash, Keenaghan, Kutzer, Kringen, Voiles; No: none; Absent: Cummings, Eberle, Decker, Nielson, Wolfe)

Neil Howe highlighted the NDIS written statistical report stating that the NDIS financial picture is excellent. He gave an overview of the North Dakota Studies project for NDIS. A proposal for the NDIS to author and publish North Dakota Studies textbook for Grades 4 and 8 is currently in HB 1013. The bill includes \$148,800 to fund the project. Both the Senate and the House have passed this version of HB 1013.

b. The State Plan Committee is Dan Pullen, Chris Kalash and Kevin Keenaghan. Dan Pullen will appoint other members at a later date. The full discussion of the new state technology plan will be held at the August meeting.

Policy Reviews

C/DR-5/5E: The Council expressed its appreciation of the director's work with K12 technology in North Dakota. Kevin Keenaghan moved to accept the director's evaluation and increase director compensation by 5% for the year July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006. Chris Kalash seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Yes: Crawford, Feldner, Kalash, Keenaghan, Kutzer, Kringen, Voiles; No: none; Absent: Cummings, Eberle, Decker, Nielson, Wolfe)

EL-11: Dan Pullen recommended that a biennial budget summary be published in the ETC Update at the conclusion of the biennium. The Council agreed that this action would fulfill policy EL-11's requirement to report "3. Revenues, expenditures and costs of major programs and operations."

Council Development

The Council made 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 August meeting.
3. Videostreaming, it's use in the classroom
4. Internet 2
5. One-to-one computing use at Northern Cass and Stanley

Council, Staff and Other Reports

EduTech – Don Simon, EduTech, directed the Council to read the full EduTech report as distributed.

He mentioned that EduTech is participating in some Internet2 activities as *Read Across America*.

Tim Kadrmas is working on the *InStep* program, which is a program to get EduTech staff members into individual classrooms to assist teachers.

The PowerSchool Users group held in March was well received with good attendance.

NDIS – see 8-A

Director's Report – Dan Pullen advised the Council to read the written report as distributed.

Debriefing

Kevin Keenaghan asked about the terms of service on the ETC. According to the February 5, 2003 minutes. The current term for the appointed members of the ETC Council runs through August 1, 2005. These members include: Tom Cummings, Tom Eberle, Lisa Feldner, Kevin Keenaghan, and Bev Nielson.

The next meeting is set for August 24, 2005 from 9:00 to 12:00 via ITV.

Lisa Feldner adjourned the meeting at 1:20 PM.

Minutes submitted by Deborah Janzen.