

**ND Educational Technology Council**  
**Minutes**  
**January 26, 2006**  
**9:00 AM-2:00 PM**

**Members present:**

Art Conklin	Tom Eberle	Wayne Kutzer
Grant Crawford	Lisa Feldner	Mike Ressler
Tom Cummings	Chris Kalash	Shawneen Voiles
Anita Decker	Jon Kringen	

**Members Absent:**

Bev Nielson

**Staff Present:**

Dan Pullen	Jody French	Jon Skaare
Deborah Janzen	John Gieser, EduTech	

Lisa Feldner called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Introduction of Guest

Frank Schill, Cavalier Superintendent

Correspondence

The letter from Curt Wolfe thanking the Council for the retirement gift was included.

Approval of Agenda

Report on the P-16 Initiative was added to the agenda as number 8-D. The Agenda was approved by consensus.

Consent Agenda

Jon Kringen moved to approve the consent agenda items. Grant Crawford seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Yes: Cummings, Decker, Eberle, Feldner, Kalash, Kringen, Kutzer, Ressler, Voiles; No: none; Absent: Conklin, Crawford, Nielson)

Old Business

Policy Governance Process Review Committee - Lisa Feldner presented the written recommendation to the Council.

Tom Eberle moved to accept the Policy Governance Process Review Committee recommendation. Jon Kringen seconded the motion which passed unanimously. (Yes: Cummings, Decker, Eberle, Feldner, Kalash, Kringen, Kutzer, Ressler, Voiles; No: none; Absent: Conklin, Crawford, Nielson)

Approved 4 May 2006

ETC staff will revised policy GP-8-E to list the changes that result from the changes approved by this board action.

NDIS Transition Committee Report was distributed to the Council. Jon Kringen moved to appoint Jon Skaare as the State Director of the North Dakota Division of Independent Study. Grant Crawford seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

(Yes: Crawford, Cummings, Decker, Eberle, Feldner, Kalash, Kringen, Kutzer, Ressler, Voiles; No: none; Absent: Conklin, Nielson)

Data warehousing – Dan Pullen reported that the four largest schools; Bismarck, Fargo, Grand Forks, and Minot are moving ahead with an RFP. The RFP will be released on February 1, 2006.

### New Business

Hiring process for the ITD CIO – Mike Ressler reported that twenty-six applications were received for the ITD CIO position which closed on January 6, 2006. William Getz, Governors Office, is spearheading the selecting process. The Governor will appoint the candidate to fill the position.

Title II-D Guidelines – Chris Kalash reported that the federal Title II-D funds are being reduced again for the next fiscal year. Currently the funds are divided in half with half awarded to schools based on a formula and half awarded to schools on a competitive basis. Some states have decided to award all of the Title II-D funds on a competitive basis. Chris requested input from the Council. Though no Council action was taken the members did not favor changing the disbursement method. Chris thanked the Council for its input.

Funding Lawsuit update – The update was tabled until the next meeting.

The P-16 Initiative – Wayne Kutzer highlighted the notes from the first P-16 Education Task Force. The purpose of Governor Hoeven's task force on education is to create a difference in the expectations and delivery of educational services in North Dakota. Particular issues are the differing standards between high school and higher education; tracking students through their education and recruiting and retaining teachers. Wayne will send the meeting notes to the Council requesting feedback to assist in achieving the goals of the task force.

### Results Policies

R-1 Continuous System Improvement - Dan Pullen, and Jody French presented Continuous System Improvement activities during November 2005-January 2006. Jody reported that the EduTech staff in Fargo will be moving to new spaces within the IACC.

Future Direction – ETC grants program will change in the next biennium. No funds may be awarded for video classrooms, but funding to schools for classroom transformation projects may likely continue.

R-2 Coordinated Educational Technology Systems - Dan Pullen, and Jody French presented Coordinated Educational Technology Systems activities during November 2005-January 2006

Future Direction – The 2006 TnT Conference will be the last year for ETC and EduTech involvement.

R-3 Distance Education Delivering Comprehensive Curriculum - Dan Pullen, Jody French, and Jon Skaare presented Distance Education Delivering Comprehensive Curriculum reports during November 2005-January 2006.

R-4 Professional Development - Dan Pullen, and Jody French presented Professional Development activities during November 2005-January 2006. The use of the Atomic Learning online ‘atoms’ is lower than expected during the pilot project year. Statewide access to Atomic Learning will begin August 2006 for the 2006-07 school year. Funding beyond that year depends on the use.

Future Direction – Council members commented that the funds DPI provides for the Face-to-Face Conference is very valuable for professional development. Funds currently spent for Atomic Learning would be better used in the form of classroom transformation funding.

R-5 System Integrity and Stability - Dan Pullen, and Jody French presented System Integrity and Stability results during November 2005-January 2006. EduTech is concerned that wireless access is not secure. ITD will be formulating rules for STAGEnet use addressing the security issue.

Future Direction – John Gieser, EduTech Helpdesk Manager, reported that EduTech has received requests for verification of internet use by specific school staff members related to suspected violations of EduTech or school AUP and/or violations of law. EduTech is proposing to purchase a device to store filter activity. The goal is to store 90 days of internet use logs. EduTech would develop policies and procedures on the process required to request the logged information. Council discussion included various concerns about providing internet use information:

- is an invasion of privacy
- protects students from harm
- puts school administrators in a ‘big brother’ position
- protects schools from lawsuits

The council requested information on the ETC’s legal responsibility for internet access information.

John Gieser announced that EduTech will upgrade the anti-virus license to better protect against viruses, spy ware, hacking and other vulnerabilities. This software upgrade allows EduTech to be more aware of virus definitions, scanning statuses, and infections on desktop clients across the state.

### Council development needs for forthcoming meetings

The Council requested updates on

- STAGEnet
- Microsoft Vouchers for Schools
- Issue of copyright/fair use and the Internet

### Debriefing

The Council agreed that staff reports on the Results Policies focused discussion on the true council business.

The Next Meeting will be May 4, 2006, 8:30-1:00 via ITV.

Lisa adjourned the meeting at 12:30 pm

Submitted by Deborah Janzen