

**ND Educational Technology Council**  
**Minutes**  
**May 4, 2006**  
**8:30 AM-12:30 PM**

**Members present:**

Grant Crawford	Lisa Feldner	Bev Nielson
Tom Cummings	Chris Kalash	Mike Ressler
Anita Decker	Jon Kringen	
Tom Eberle	Wayne Kutzer	

**Members Absent:**

Art Conklin	Shawneen Voiles
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**Staff Present:**

Dan Pullen	Jody French	Barb Meidinger, NDIS
Deborah Janzen	John Gieser, EduTech	

Jon Kringen, vice-chair, called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Correspondence

The letter from Lisa Feldner thanking the Council for the flowers and card was included.

Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved by consensus.

Consent Agenda

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

Recognition Activities

Jody French, EduTech, was nominated Woman of the Year in education by the Fargo-Moorhead YWCA.

Jon Kringen was awarded a plaque in recognition of his years of service on the ETC.

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North Dakota ranked third in the country in a Technology Leaders survey compiled by *Education Week*. The three major factors used to evaluate the states were: 1) access to technology; 2) use of technology and 3) capacity to use technology.

Old Business

*Lisa Feldner takes over as chair.*

State Educational Technology Plan Dan Pullen presented the updated, *Tools for Teaching and Learning - 2006 State Educational Technology Plan*. The plan was revised during 2006. The updated plan includes measurable results which will be monitored through June 2009. Two documents referred to in this plan will be presented at the next Quarterly ETC meeting; National Educational Technology Standards for Teachers and School Administrators and North Dakota Library/Technology Literary Standards. Bev Nielson moved to accept the State Educational Technology Plan. Tom Eberle seconded the motion with passed unanimously. (Yes: Crawford, Cummings, Decker, Eberle, Feldner, Kalash, Kringen, Kutzer, Nielson, Ressler; No: none; Absent: Conklin, Voiles)

School Fund Lawsuit Update Dan Pullen referred to two Council Member documents concerning the school funding lawsuit. One document was submitted by the NDCEL executive director and the other document was reprinted from the NDSBA newsletter. The Commission formed to address the redrafting of the school funding formula is meeting to remedy the inequities in the current funding formula.

Wayne Kutzer and Bev Nielson presented status information on the Commission's work. Council member discussion ensued.

Legal Responsibility for Internet Use Information Jody French presented the report requested by the Council on 'Web Activity Reporting.' The report included an Incident Response Policy draft. Council members suggested some changes in the document. Jody requested that the Council approve changes to the Internet Filtering Committee as described in GP-7. Jon Kringen moved to make the following changes to the Internet Filtering Committee; 1) rename the committee, *Request Review Committee*; 2) expand the purpose to include web activity incident response; and 3) add one ETC member with voting rights and one EduTech staff member with ex-officio status. Mike Ressler seconded the motion which passed unanimously. (Yes: Crawford, Cummings, Decker, Eberle, Feldner, Kalash, Kringen, Kutzer, Nielson, Ressler; No: none; Absent: Conklin, Voiles)

Tom Cummings volunteered to serve on this committee.

## New Business

### Nominating Committee

Lisa, Anita and Bev agreed to serve on the ETC nominating committee. This committee is responsible to select chair and vice-chair nominees for the Council. Election for new officers is held at the next meeting.

Three names will be submitted to the governor representing NDATL and three additional names will be submitted to the governor for an administrator representing a school with fewer than 400 students. Governor Hoeven will select a person from each of these lists to serve on the Council replacing Lisa Feldner and Jon Kringen. A representative from Higher Education will be selected before the September meeting to replace Grant Crawford.

United Streaming Video Dan Pullen requested Council input on a plan to seek funding to provide state-wide access to the United Streaming Video service. This 12 month contract would be \$300,000 to \$350,000. This estimate is half the list price. Currently, individual schools are paying approximately \$200,000. This cost will rise next year.

Council members affirmed the idea of adding this funding to the ETC budget request to the 2007 legislature.

### Policy Reviews

#### C/DR-5/5E: Monitoring Director Performance

Jon Kringen based on the performance review comments moved to give Dan Pullen a 5% raise beginning July 1, 2006. The motion died for lack of a second.

Wayne Kutzer moved to give Dan Pullen a 4% raise beginning July 1, 2006. Chris Kalash seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Chris Kalash withdrew his motion second and Wayne Kutzer withdrew the motion.

Jon Kringen again moved to give Dan Pullen a 5% raise beginning July 1, 2006. Bev Nielson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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

R-1 Continuous System Improvement Dan Pullen referred to the Council document on Results-1 and reported that the online ETC survey had approximately an 80% response. He will contact staff members of the remaining 20% to obtain their input. The results of the survey will included in a fall report also including the state educational technology plan and the ETC results.

Jody French highlighted the EduTech written report that the Atomic Learning use is stable. EduTech facilitated three video discussion session comparing ACTIVboards and SmartBoards and held a face to face vendor competitive demonstration with 50 participants attending. These sessions were provided to support schools in making informed decisions when purchasing an interactive whiteboard.

R-2 Coordinated Educational Technology Systems – Dan Pullen reported that four data warehouse vendors will be demonstrating their products on May 8 and May 9, 2006. The demonstrations will be in Bismarck at the Hughes Educational Center. The four vendors are: CMERDC-Region I, EScholar; PCG, and Computer Solutions.

The new STAGNet will roll-out on July 1, 2006. Connection costs are changing. The schools that use more than one T-1 line pay for the undiscounted portion of the monthly charge will be notified of the price change. The cost for rural schools is currently \$180 per month. After July 1, 2006 the cost will be \$219 per month.

Jody French highlighted the NDAC to be held August 15-17, 2006. The deadline for early registration is May 31, 2006. She encouraged the Council to contact interested educators and urge them to register.

R-3 Distance Education Delivering Comprehensive Curriculum – Dan Pullen mentioned the ITV class statistics for the 2005-06 school year. More specific statistics will be available at the next meeting.

Jody French explained that the process EduTech uses with state, national and worldwide video project. EduTech focuses their support assisting classrooms to understand the project and its requirements, register on the project website, build project content and delivery and test with other end points. Once EduTech has supported a classroom through this process once the local staff should be able to participate in a second project with much less support.

Barb Meidinger, NDIS interim principal, reported on current NDIS activity. She stated that the legislative civics project has resulted in a course using a text book entitled, *Law and Justice*. The text was written by Jill Daignault, a Division social studies instructor. A copy of the text will be sent to council members.

R-4 Professional Development – Dan Pullen mentioned the current level of Atomic Learning use is adequate. Atomic Learning will be available to all North Dakota public schools during the 2006-07 school year. Atomic Learning funding for 2007-09 will be in the ETC budget request to the 2007 legislature.

Jody French commented on the list of professional development workshops held be EduTech. PowerSchool has become a stable product which no longer requires the high level of EduTech support it has in the past.

R-5 System Integrity and Stability – Jody French stated that adding wireless connections have been delayed due to changing wireless standards. The EduTech LAN consulting service is updating to include wireless Internet access.

#### Council Development

Microsoft Voucher Payments – Chris Kalash reported that North Dakota had one of the highest response rates in the country. Schools which have not completed the paperwork are no longer able to receive vouchers from Microsoft.

The Next Meeting will be September 7, 2006, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM in Bismarck.  
The specific site will be determined.

Lisa adjourned the meeting at 12:20 pm

Submitted by Deborah Janzen