

ND Educational Technology Council
Minutes
September 7, 2006
8:30 AM-12:30 PM

Members present:	Art Conklin	Tom Cummings
Anita Decker	Lisa Feldner	Chris Kalash
Darin King	Wayne Kutzer	Debby Marshall
Bev Nielson	Randall Thursby	Shawneen Voiles
Members Absent:	Tom Eberle	
Staff Present:	Dan Pullen	Jody French
Jon Skaare	Deborah Janzen	

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

Approval of Agenda

Item 10-A-I was omitted. The Agenda was approved with changes by consensus.

Consent Agenda

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

Recognition Activities

Jon Skaare was elected President-elect of American Association of Collegiate Independent Study (AACIS). He will be President of the association in 2007-08.

Old Business

National Educational Technology Standards for School Administrators and the ISTE National Educational Technology Standards and Performance Indicators for Teachers were discussed. The North Dakota Educational Technology Council, if accepted by the Council, will be aligning its efforts to these standards. The Council recommended that these standards be endorsed by North Dakota Council of Educational Leaders and North Dakota Association of Technology Leaders.

Bev Nielson moved to accept the National Educational Technology Standards for School Administrators and the ISTE National Educational Technology Standards and Performance Indicators for Teachers. Chris Kalash seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Yes: Conklin, Cummings, Decker, Feldner, Kalash, King, Kutzer, Marshall, Nielson, Thursby, Voiles; No: none; Absent: Eberle)

North Dakota Library/Technology Literacy Standards. Chris Kalash stated that in order to comply with the No Child Left Behind requirements that North Dakota needs to report to the Department of Education that North Dakota eighth grade students are technology literate. The Council requested a report on the Federal requirements for technology literacy.

Art Conklin moved to accept the North Dakota Library/Technology Literacy Standards. Shawneen Voiles seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Yes: Conklin, Cummings, Decker, Feldner, Kalash, King, Kutzer, Marshall, Nielson, Thursby, Voiles; No: none; Absent: Eberle)

New Business

2007-09 Budgets – Dan Pullen presented the ETC budget request for the 2007-09 biennium. The base budget is the same total amount as the 2005-07 biennium budget. The Optional Budget Request includes funding for United Streaming, Collaborative communication systems in K12, and K12 Data Warehouse State-level development and support.

Jody French presented the EduTech budget request for the 2007-09 biennium. The base budget is the same total amount as the 2005-07 biennium budget. The Optional Budget Request includes funding for increase in the license costs for the Internet filtering software and the anti-virus software.

Jon Skaare presented the Division of Independent Study budget request for the 2007-09 biennium. NDIS is requesting 3% less in general funds than the 2005-07 budget. The general funds request does include continued funding for the North Dakota Studies project.

PCC The Professional Competency Continuum (PCC) will be completed by North Dakota educators during the 2006-07 school year. This will be the last year of using the PCC self-assessment. Dan Pullen listed the reasons to use the PCC:

- Results are reported to the Department of Education as part of NCLB compliance
- Schools can use results to plan professional development
- Only source of longitudinal data related to teacher technology skills (1999-2006)

Discussions will be held during this school year to determine what North Dakota will do in place of the PCC for the 2007-08 year.

Other Business

The Nominating Committee, Lisa, Bev and Anita, nominated Art Conklin for chair and Darin King as vice-chair. No other nominations were submitted from the Council. The Council accepted the nominations unanimously. (Yes: Conklin, Cummings, Decker, Feldner, Kalash, King, Kutzer, Marshall, Nielson, Thursby, Voiles; No: none; Absent: Eberle).

Policy Reviews

R-1 Continuous System Improvement - Dan Pullen updated his written report. The Wahpeton Schools has its ITV classroom in operation. He mentioned the Qwest Foundation Grant. The money should be forthcoming for classroom teachers. Jody French highlighted EduTech's work with Atomic Learning. This resource is available this year to all public schools in North Dakota.

R-2 Coordinated Educational Technology Systems – Dan Pullen reviewed his work to date on the Data Warehouse Taskforce. The contract is nearly complete and ready to be signed. He passed around a cost analysis tool to illustrate funding for various sized schools.

Jody French stated that Internet safety is the focus for EduTech during the 2006-07 school year.

R-3 Distance Education Delivering Comprehensive Curriculum – Dan Pullen, Jody French and Jon Skaare referred to the written reports. Dan Pullen is considering the possibility of ETC grants for video classrooms in the coming biennium. Forthcoming technology may offer better ways to provide distance education. EduTech is planning to expand involvement in Internet 2 applications for both K12 and Higher Education. Jon Skaare emphasized the solid budget status of the Division of Independent Study. The Division of Independent Study is on track toward self-sufficiency.

R-4 Professional Development – Dan Pullen highlighted the Atomic Learning statistics for the 2005-06 school year. ETC will request funding for Atomic Learning in the next biennium.

Jody French mentioned the pilot project with the Oakes staff on using desktop units for delivery of professional development workshops. She referred to the list of professional development workshops during April, May and June.

R-5 System Integrity and Stability – Dan Pullen and Jody French referred to the written reports. The Council discussed the K12 security guidelines for wireless access currently being drafted EduTech. The Council believes that the document be termed guidelines rather than standards because of the significant impact standards would have on the schools. That being said the Council is also aware of the significant impact security breaches have on the state network.

Council Development

The Council listed the following report topics for future meetings:

- Data Warehouse – the basics, what is it, what is the benefit
- LDAP – security
- Interactive response systems – what is it, what is the benefit
- EduTech student survey results – ND high school sophomores opinions on their experiences with educational technology

Council, Staff and Linkage Reports

The NDATL report is tabled until the November meeting.

TNT - Jody French reported on the 2006 Teaching with Technology (TNT) Conference. Enrollment continues to drop. EduTech, Bismarck and Grand Forks Public Schools will not participate in future TNT conferences. Bismarck State College is investigating the best time to hold the conference in the future.

NDAC – Jody French reported on the 2006 Assessment Conference. The majority of the presentations concerned the use of the NWEA tool. The Council advised to expand the presentations to include other assessment tools for future assessment conferences. The next NDAC Conference is scheduled for August 14-16, 2007.

NDCTE – Wayne Kutzer highlighted the written report. The need for technology and career distance education is increasing across the state, particularly in the west half of North Dakota. The CTE has received a \$1.2 million dollar grant to provide technology and career

content via video. The grant will fund a pilot project to receive technology and career education via video in two Joint Powers Authority areas. This pilot will occur during the 2007-09 biennium.

The Next Meeting will be November 9, 2006, via ITV

Lisa adjourned the meeting at 2:15 pm

Submitted by Deborah Janzen