

**ND Educational Technology Council
Minutes
February 8, 2007
9:00 AM-10:45 AM**

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

Art Conklin, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Approval of Agenda

Title II-D Report by Chris Kalash was added to New Business.

Bev Nielson moved to approve the amended agenda. Chris Kalash seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Bev Nielson moved to approve the consent agenda items. Chris Kalash seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Recognition Activities

Art Conklin was invited to participate in an Office of Educational Technology (OET) at the U.S. Department of Education to develop tools and materials to assist school districts with implementing a systemic approach to integrating technology. He will be attending this meeting February 15-17, 2007.

Melissa, Bitz, Jane Hovda and Sarah McFadden have been invited to the PowerSchool Advanced Learning Summit in New Orleans in March. To gain an invitation to this event, they needed to complete a qualifying application which tested their knowledge of PowerSchool administrative routines and database management. Out of 2133 School Districts using PowerSchool, only a select few people internationally qualify for the Summit.

Old Business

The IT Security Conference was sponsored by EduTech in November 2006. A written report will be forwarded to the Council. The next IT conference will be held November 1-2, 2007.

New Business

The Title II-D continuation grants were awarded to eight schools.

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| Beach High School | \$68,587 |
| Bismarck Special Services | \$41,674 |
| Devils Lake Middle School | \$ 57,550 |

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| Emerado Public School | \$ 6,640 |
| Grand Forks Alternative High School | \$ 50,739 |
| Jamestown Public School | \$ 28,099 |
| Warwick Public School | \$ 40,893 |
| Williston Public School | \$ 44,135 |
| TOTAL CONTINUATION GRANTS | \$339,317 |

The Title II-D competitive grants will be awarded next week. Three schools will receive these grants.

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| Fessenden-Bowden | \$169,282 |
| Eight Mile | \$ 57,307 |
| New Rockford/Sheyenne | \$129,847 |
| Total | \$356,436 |
| Unencumbered | \$ 14,706 |

Policy Reviews (Written reports made available by Dan Pullen , Jody French and Jon Skaare)

R-1 Continuous System Improvement – Dan Pullen reported that he will be making site visits to the Classroom Transformation Grant Recipients. A project information report will be completed before the visit to maximize the time on site.

Jody French added to her written report that EduTech is participating in ongoing communication with the Joint Powers Agreement groups to assist in providing effective service to the participating schools.

Jody was concerned about workshop evaluation scored indicating lower satisfaction and lower relevancy. Further investigation determined that some of the end user equipment was unable to effectively provide the information presented. The EduTech staff members devised an alternate delivery method which was effective in later workshops.

R-2 Coordinated Educational Technology Systems – Dan Pullen reported that the E-Rate application for 2007-08 has been filed. The 2001-02 previously denied E-Rate application was reconsidered. USAC did award North Dakota \$1.2 million dollars to partially fund that application. Lisa Feldner is chairing the longitudinal data system planning sessions to develop recommendations to be presented at the 2009-11 legislative session.

Schools will be asked to certify on the Federal Consolidation application that their 8th grade students are technologically literate. DPI, NDATL, EduTech and ETC are working on a means to verify that technological integration is improving in the classrooms across the state. The PCC results are currently being used for this data.

EduTech hired Lynn Anderson to fill the West Central Region Information Technology Specialist position. EduTech, ETC and DPI are organizing the Education Technology Showcase to be held in Bismarck on March 6, 2007. Representatives from ten schools will be demonstrating technology used in their schools.

R-3 Distance Education Delivering Comprehensive Curriculum – Dan Pullen will talk to legislators about increasing ETC funding to include grants for video classroom initiatives. Schools have reported that updating equipment is necessary to continue to provide courses via video. The ETC funding bill started in the House of Representatives received a ‘Do-Pass’ recommendation from the House Appropriation committee.

Jody French reported that EduTech is facilitating ITV Consortia Directors meetings. The consortia directors met in January 2007 and will meet again Summer 2007.

Jon Skaare alerted the Council of the need to look carefully at the progress toward self-sufficiency. The self-sufficiency target of 2011, may need to be pushed to 2013. The bill to change the name of the North Dakota Division of Independent Study to North Dakota Center for Distance Education has passed the Senate and the House Education Committee. The House Education Committee gave the bill a 'Do-Pass' recommendation.

R-4 Professional Development – Jody French reported that EduTech is sponsoring an Atomic Learning contest. Tim Kadrmas, EduTech, provided E-Rate training in six regions across North Dakota.

R-5 System Integrity and Stability – Jody French reports that the number of message considered to be spam increased each month. Managing the email system requires a considerable amount of staff time.

Council Development

Dan Pullen will present a session on data systems in schools some time in the near future. The council will be looking at the 'big picture' learning the impact that data systems have on teaching and learning.

Council, Staff and Linkage Reports

The NDEA report is tabled until the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held face-to-face on May 3, 2007 in Bismarck.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Submitted by Deborah Janzen