

**ND Educational Technology Council
Minutes
May 3, 2007
10:00 AM-10:45 AM**

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

Art Conklin, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

Approval of Agenda

A PCC Report by Chris Kalash was added to Old Business.

Bev Nielson moved to approve the amended agenda. Tom Eberle seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Tom Eberle moved to approve the consent agenda items. Anita Decker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Recognition Activities

Anita Decker received her PhD in Educational Leadership from the University of North Dakota. The degree was awarded December 2006.

Old Business

The Washington Conference Art Conklin was to attend in February 2007. Art Conklin will report to the Council after the conference is held.

Dan Pullen reported on the successful 2007 legislative session. Funding was received for video conferencing equipment, classroom transformation grants and Atomic Learning in addition to funds to operate the ETC.

Jon Skaare reported that the legislature approved the Division of Independent Study name change. Funds for producing the online component the North Dakota Studies project was awarded.

Jody French reported that the legislative process went smoothly. The Technology Showcase held on March 6, 2007 successfully demonstrated the results of educational technology in K12 schools.

Chris Kalash reported that a PCC Replacement Committee is working on determining an instrument to measure the level of technology use by teachers and its integration in the classroom. The 2007-08 school year will be a transition year. Some schools may use an assessment tool from Learning.com designed to measure 8th grade technology literacy. The Council members expressed interest completing this assessment tool. The committee work is ongoing. Chris invited any Council member to join the committee. He will continue to report on the committee's progress.

New Business

Art Conklin appointed Bev Nielson, Chris Kalash and Anita Decker to the Nominating Committee. Bev, Chris and Anita will determine candidates for the ETC Chair and Vice-chair position for the September meeting.

Dan Pullen requested tuition reimbursement for the doctoral coursework he is completing. Tom Eberle moved to allow Dan Pullen to receive tuition reimbursement per ITD procedures which is up to 80% after any tuition waiver deductions. Darin King seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Policy Reviews

C/DR-5E Council/Director Relationship

Bev Nielson moved to accept the director review. Chris Kalash seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Darin King moved to extend Dan Pullen another year as Director of the Educational Technology Council with a 5% salary increase for the July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 year. Tom Eberle seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

R-1 Continuous System Improvement (printed reports from Dan Pullen and Jody French)

Dan Pullen reported that he made 16 site visits to the Classroom Transformation Grant Recipients. A project information report from each school was completed before the visit to maximize the time on site.

Jody French passed around photos of the K-12 Technology Showcase held on March 6, 2007 in Bismarck.

R-2 Coordinated Educational Technology Systems (printed reports from Dan Pullen and Jody French)

Dan Pullen reported that ITD received funds from the legislature for the School Data Longitudinal Study. These funds will enable ITD to hire staff to work on this project and to hire a consultant.

Jody French reported that the EduTech staff is working with the REAs (Regional Education Associations) to determine the best means to serve this group. EduTech will also working with the proposed new K12 video conferencing scheduling process to provide training and support.

R-3 Distance Education Delivering Comprehensive Curriculum (printed reports from Dan Pullen, Jody French and Jon Skaare)

Dan Pullen presented the ITV class statistics for the 2006-07 school year. He voiced concern about the number of schools which are members of a consortia but neither send nor receive classes.

Jon Skaare reported that the Division of Independent Study may be providing 4 video courses during the 2007-08 school year. The courses are: pre-algebra, physics, art and psychology. Tuition will be increased \$3.00 per enrollment beginning July 1, 2007.

R-4 Professional Development (printed reports from Dan Pullen and Jody French)

Jody French reported that EduTech will be offering workshops on Microsoft VISTA and Office 2007 as requested. EduTech continues to support Blackboard, a learning management system, for K12 users across the state.

R-5 System Integrity and Stability (printed reports from Jody French)

Jody French reported that EduTech will be working with NDSU to upgrade identity management services.

Council Development

The Council decided to focus on data issues throughout the 2007-08 year. Information will be presented in a variety of ways including demonstrations by schools which have implemented new systems. The first session would likely be information on student information systems, to be followed by online testing systems, data warehouses, the DPI STARS system, and the proposed longitudinal data systems.

The Council expressed interest in learning how technology can address Twenty-first Century Skills.

Council, Staff and Linkage Reports

Shawneen Voiles presented the concerns voiced by NDEA regarding the use of the state network and the political process. The NDEA wishes for additional clarification regarding the AUP for EduTech email.

Jody French will compose a response to the questions posed by the NDEA. This response will be reviewed by the Council. Shawneen Voiles will communicate the approved response to the NDEA leadership.

The next meeting will be held face-to-face on September 13, 2007 at the Regional Technology Center in Valley City.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Submitted by Deborah Janzen