

**ND Educational Technology Council  
Minutes  
February 12, 2008  
9:00 – 11:00 AM**

<b>Members present:</b>	Art Conklin	Tom Cummings
Anita Decker	Lisa Feldner	Chris Kalash
Darin King	Rich Lehn	Bev Nielson
Shawneen Voiles		

<b>Members Absent:</b>	Tom Eberle	Debby Marshall
Wayne Kutzer		

<b>Staff Present:</b>	Dan Pullen	Jody French
Jon Skaare	Deborah Janzen	

Art Conklin called the meeting to order at: 9:00 AM

Approval of Agenda

Chris Kalash requested to add report on Learning.com to 8. Old Business.

Dan Pullen requested to add discussion of the Strategic Planning Retreat to 10. Council Development.

Chris Kalash moved to approve the agenda. Lisa Feldner seconded the motion which passed unanimously. (Yes: Conklin, Cummings, Decker, Feldner, Kalash, King, Lehn, Voiles; Absent: Kutzer, Marshall, Nielson)

Consent Agenda

Lisa Feldner moved to accept the consent agenda items. Anita Decker seconded the motion which passed unanimously. (Yes: Conklin, Cummings, Decker, Feldner, Kalash, King, Lehn, Voiles; Absent: Kutzer, Marshall, Nielson)

Recognition activities

Jody French announced that the entire North Dakota EduTech PowerSchool team was invited to participate in the national PowerSchool Advanced Learning Summit in Tempe, AZ in March. To be invited applicants were required to take a test to qualify. PowerSchool then chose the top 100 scores for invitation to the summit. EduTech's team consists of Don Simon, Jane Hovda, Janet O'Hara, Melissa Bitz and Sarah McFadden. In addition, three other North Dakota applicants were invited to the Summit. Shawn Stelter, Bismarck Public Schools; Stacey Geiger, Mandan Public Schools and Kent Ripplinger, Grand Forks Public Schools.

Council, Staff and Linkage Reports

Shawneen Voiles reported that she met with the new NDEA Executive Director, Greg Burns. She introduced the Educational Technology Council to him. They discussed the NDEA

SENDIT email lobbying concern and the problem with the NDEA membership registry using a Sendit email address.

### Old Business

Chris Kalash reported that DPI has a six month contract with Learning.com. Learning.com will provide an assessment instrument to be used to assess the technology literacy of eighth graders in 21 North Dakota school districts. The assessment is aligned to current ISTE technology literacy standards. The assessment is open between January 1, 2008 and June 30, 2008.

Dan Pullen reported on ETC responses to the Council Strategic Priorities compiled at the retreat in December 2007. Of the 14 goals listed by the ETC, he has addressed the first four.

- He has met with the Commission on Educational Improvement.
- He and Jody also met with the technology staff at Bismarck Public Schools who handle professional development on data interpretation and instructional change.
- Dan attended SAVIA training on data driven decision making in Bismarck and will follow up with school visits in Bismarck.
- Dan attended the meetings chaired by Lisa Feldner on statewide longitudinal data systems.

Goals 5-14 have not been addressed.

### New Business

The Results Policies Planning Committee met to work on draft of the Results Policies compiled by Dan Pullen, Jon Skaare, and Jody French. The Council discussed the policy draft as received for the meeting. The Council consensus referred the draft to the ETC staff to incorporate the suggested changes and submit another draft to the Council at the April meeting.

### Council Development

The Council consensus was that strategic planning should be scheduled for every five years. The retreat setting is helpful for eliminating distractions and would recommend meeting in this manner every two to three years.

### Policy Review

Written reports were submitted by ETC staff members.

*Results Policy 2* – Jody French requested advice from the Council regarding the service cooperative that approached EduTech about taking over the special purchase agreements supported by EduTech such as three Microsoft contracts, the Adobe contract and whiteboard pricing with vendors. The Council advised EduTech to carefully research this option, but overall believed that EduTech should continue to provide these services directly.

Dan Pullen reported that currently 29% of the public school students data are included in the SAVIA warehouse. When Grand Forks and Minot are online the percentage will jump to 43%.

*Results Policy 4* – EduTech is exploring professional development options as: a certification program which could include core technology skills, another approach to offer development in a more holistic manner. EduTech is seeking a means to balance customer requests and customer needs.

*Results Policy 5* – Jody French emphasized that though EduTech provides the technical service for Internet filtering for schools, each school determines what types of sites are blocked for their school.

**Set Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Meeting April 22, 2008 via ITV

Tentative sites include:

- a. Fargo, CDE Director's Office
- b. Bismarck, ITD CIO's Office
- c. Grand Forks, Administration Building Conference Room
- d. Cavalier, Extension Service office
- e. Oakes, SE CTC ITV Room
- f. Minot, Adult Education ITV Room

Art adjourned the meeting at 11:00 AM

Submitted by Deborah Janzen