

ND Educational Technology Council
Minutes
April 22, 2008
9:00 – 11:30 AM

Members present:	Art Conklin	Tom Cummings
Tom Eberle	Anita Decker	Lisa Feldner
Chris Kalash	Darin King	Rich Lehn
Debby Marshall	Bev Nielson	

Members Absent:	Wayne Kutzer	Shawneen Voiles
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Staff Present:	Dan Pullen	Jody French
Jon Skaare	Deborah Janzen	

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

Approval of Agenda

Darin King requested to add report on the new statewide Special Education I.E.P. System to 9-B New Business. Tom Cummings agreed to provide information regarding this topic. Jon Skaare requested to add discussion of North Dakota schools using Jefferson County Public E-School to 9-C, New Business

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

Consent Agenda

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

Old Business

Dan Pullen announced several corrections made on the Results Policy Draft submitted to the Council. Tom Eberle moved to approve the corrected Results Policies as presented. Lisa Feldner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Yes: Conklin, Cummings, Eberle, Feldner, Kalash, King, Lehn, Marshall, Nielson; Absent: Decker, Kutzer, Voiles)

Dan Pullen reported on ETC attendance at the Governor's Commission on Education Improvement Meetings. The Council rated this participation as the Number One goal during the December 2007 planning meeting. The consultant to the Governor's Commission on Education Improvement is Picus and Associates. The three draft recommendations which directly affect the ETC are:

- All school technology would be funded by an annual per pupil amount of \$250.

- All professional development would be focused on achievement in core subjects and PD would be delivered by instructional coaches in the schools and (particularly in small schools) would be supported regionally through the REAs.
- High school course/graduation requirements would become more rigorous.
 - Current legislation
 - 08-09: 21 credits
 - 09-10: 22 credits
 - 11-12: 24 credits

Council discussion included questions regarding the Picus recommendations and how they would impact E-Rate and existing school technology levies. The Education Commission will be meeting on May 8, 2008 for further discussion. The Council requested that ETC identify the members of the education panel and contact them regarding the three recommendations directly affecting educational technology.

New Business

Three Council members agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee is Lisa Feldner, Bev Nielson, and Chris Kalash.

Tom Cummings reported that DPI has purchased a software program from Maximus to develop student I.E.P.s. All schools are to be using the new program for their special educational students by the end of September. The large schools may not be able to maintain the STARS system on a daily basis, which is the data resource for the new I.E.P. program. The DPI Data Advisory Committee will be meeting in May to discuss the new I.E.P. system.

Jon Skaare expressed concerns regarding the quality of instruction provided by the Jefferson County Public E-School in Kentucky. Council added that the Electronic Course Delivery Approval Process law passed in the 2007 Legislative Session (HB 1491) may need strengthening to adequately provide quality learning experiences to North Dakota students. The Council also encouraged CDE to continue to work with DPI to establish rules and regulations concerning out of state distance education providers. Then students interested in course work that is not offered at CDE can be referred to a provider which can meet the students' need. Further study concerning Jefferson County Public E-School and other distance education providers was also encouraged.

Council Development

Darin King presented a brief overview of 21st Century Skills. The 21st Century Skills approach is to prepare students to succeed as effective workers and citizens.

The ETC Chair appointed an information study group to undertake preliminary study of 21st Century Skills during June and July 2008. The study group will also make a recommendation to the Council regarding the status of this group. Darin King will chair the study group. Dan Pullen, Chris Kalash and Anita Decker will be the other members. The 21st Century Skills study group will report at the September 9, 2008 meeting.

Policy Review

The Council affirmed GP Policies 2 and 2E (Governing Style).

The Council reviewed the performance of Dan Pullen as ETC Director. Darin King moved to extend Dan Pullen's appointment for another year as Director of the Educational Technology Council with a 4% salary increase for the July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009 year.

Written reports on the five ETC Results Policies were submitted by ETC staff members.

Results Policy 2 – The Data Longitudinal Study Committee will make a recommendation by the end of May 2008 regarding the implementation of a system.

The North Dakota Studies High School textbook will be ready for distribution by August 1, 2008.

Results Policy 3 – Jody French requested Council input regarding video enrichment opportunities. The Council discussed the issue with general endorsement to continue offering the opportunities.

Jon Skaare requested Council representatives to be present when the CDE consultant presents his findings. Chris Kalash, Darin King and Tom Cummings volunteered to attend in Fargo.

Set Date and Time of Next Meeting

Meeting September 9, 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 11:35 AM

Submitted by Deborah Janzen