

Quarterly ETC Meeting

May 15, 2009

Members Present:

Lisa Feldner
Wayne Kutzer
Bev Nielson

Art Conklin
Gary Gronberg
Rich Lehn
Shawneen Voiles

Tom Cummings
Darin King
Debby Marshall

Staff Present:

Jon Skaare

Dan Pullen
Deborah Janzen

Jody French

Members Absent:

Tom Eberle

Steve Snow

Art Conklin called the meeting to order at 9:15 am

Approval of Agenda

Wayne Kutzer moved to approve the agenda as received. Rich Lehn seconded the motion which passed unanimously. (Approve: Conklin, Cummings, Feldner, King, Kutzer, Lehn, Marshall, Nielson, Voiles; Absent: Eberle, Gronberg, Snow)

Consent Agenda

Lisa Feldner moved to approve the agenda. Bev Nielson seconded the motion which passed unanimously. (Approve: Conklin, Cummings, Feldner, King, Kutzer, Lehn, Marshall, Nielson, Voiles; Absent: Eberle, Gronberg, Snow)

Recognition activities

NDATL awarded the 2009 Friend of Technology Award to Jody French. Congratulations Jody!

Lisa Feldner related that the new Health Information Technology Advisory Committee used the ETC as an organizational model.

Old Business

Dan Pullen reported that overall the session went very well for educational technology issues, though some of the educational technology requests were not funded. Dan thanked Lisa for her extraordinary efforts on behalf of k12 technology. More information was included on the document distributed at the meeting.

Stimulus money and related Title II D funding

Lisa Feldner reported that ITD will pursue stimulus money to fund a longitudinal data system which includes schools and other governmental agencies. If North Dakota does not receive

stimulus money for a longitudinal data system, there is general fund money held in contingency for that purpose.

Gary Gronberg told the Council that Title II D funds, which include stimulus money, are scheduled to be released on July 1, 2009. The Department of Education has not provided guidance on what criteria are to be used for projects. The competitive grant portion of the funds can be used to support a state wide initiative. DPI is interested in using the funding for a technology coach for each district. DPI is currently setting up a contract with EduTech to help in grant writing and monitoring the projects as they go forward. A proposal for an effective use of the Title II D funding will be finalized among the three departments; ETC, DPI and EduTech.

New Business

Dan Pullen presented the 2009-2012 State Technology Plan requesting action from the Council.

Darin King moved to approve the state technology plan. Lisa Feldner seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Other Business

Debby Marshall moved to appoint Lisa Feldner and Bev Nielson to the Nominating Committee. Darin King seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Council Development

Darin King informed Council members of a web based meeting possibility, called Dimdim. Dimdim is a free web based presenter tool and which works for professional development. Darin commented that Dimdim works well with PowerPoint presentations and pdf documents. Grand Forks Public Schools uses this software in delivering professional development as well as district wide staff meetings.

Policy Reviews

The council affirmed the current GP-2/2E: Governing Style policies by consensus.

In addition to their written statements Council members were asked to comment on the Director's performance as directed by the C/DR-5/5E: Monitoring Director Performance policy. Members mentioned the breadth of his knowledge and the depth of his experience, the effectiveness in accomplishing the results as determined by the council and the positive impact of the work of the EduTech and ND Center for Distance Education staff.

Shawneen Voiles moved to continue the director's employment through June 30, 2010 with a 5% salary increase. Darin King seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Progress Report on Results Policies

i) R-1 Continuous System Improvement

Jon Skaare mentioned that ND CDE is continuing to concentrate on marketing their courses.

Jody French stated that the PowerSchool project will be working on a two team model to accomplish the goal to add all North Dakota Schools to the PowerSchool student management system

ii) R-2 Coordinated Educational Technology System

Dan Pullen asked the Council Members for their input on the question: If the ETC, ND CDE and EduTech staff aggressively pursue initiatives that can serve state wide needs, which follows Results Policy 2; does that policy conflict with perceived needs? Council members commented that ETC, ND CDE and EduTech are supposed to advocate more effective practices. Council members encouraged the ETC, EduTech and ND CDE staff members to continue to promote effective and efficient practices through presentations to stakeholder groups.

The data committees may need to merge to best accomplish the goals of each of the current committees.

Jon Skaare reported that the North Dakota Studies government project continues in collaboration with UND.

iii) R-3 Distance Education Delivering Comprehensive Curriculum

Jon Skaare highlighted the inclusion of the consultant's report. The final report will be issued on the June 15, 2009.

iv) R-4 Professional Development

v) R-5 System Integrity and Stability

Debriefing

Council members expressed appreciation for the flexibility to meet via video and face to face. All eight Debriefing Forms that were completed indicated a Satisfactory meeting process.

9. Next Meeting September 22, 2009 9:00 to noon on video.

Policy Governance Review Meeting October 15, 2009 9:00-12:00 via video

15. Art adjourned the meeting at 11:50 am