

Quarterly ETC Meeting

September 22, 2009

Members Present:

Tom Eberle
Darin King
Shawneen Voiles

Art Conklin
Lisa Feldner
Rich Lehn

Tom Cummings
Gary Gronberg
Debby Marshall

Staff Present:

Jon Skaare

Dan Pullen
Deborah Janzen

Jody French

Members Absent:

Bev Nielson

Steve Snow

Art Conklin called the meeting to order at 9:10 am

Jerry Zimprich, Special Education Consultant, and John Gieser, EduTech, attended the meeting.

Approval of Agenda

New business item 9-a. was moved up to after the Consent Agenda. Lisa Feldner moved to approve the agenda as changed. Tom Eberle seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Lisa Feldner moved to approve the consent agenda. Debby Marshall seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

New Business

Jerry Zimprich, Special Education Consultant, requested EduTech consider providing professional development to educators serving special needs students. The Special Ed directors support the involvement of EduTech in providing service. Particularly, in the area of adaptive technology

Art recommends studying the potential of providing professional development to special education providers. Jody will chair this committee which includes Tom Cummings, Shawneen Voiles, and Jerry Zimprich. The committee will prepare a proposal for EduTech staff members to provide professional development for educators (special education and general classroom) in the use of appropriate technology to meet students learning needs.

Council, Staff and Linkage Reports

Darin King NDATL representative, reported that the Spring 2009 Face-to-Face in Fargo had a good turnout. NDATL officers are considering hosting Spring 2010 Face-to-Face in Fargo. The Fall 2009 Face 2 Face will be held in Minot on October 12-13.

Jody French reported that the 2009 TnT held June 9-10, had 202 participants including 10 vendors. Mark Kilpinski was the keynote speaker. A 2010 TnT is planned by Bismarck State College for June in Bismarck.

Old Business

Jon Skaare, Director, North Dakota Center for Distance Education, requested direction from the Council regarding the future of ND CDE. ND CDE enrollments continue to decline, potentially undermining the quality of the program. Council members discussed possible directions for the future including offering more dual credit courses and the potential for every North Dakota graduating student complete an online course. Jon requested a Council direction by December 2009.

The Council requested that Jon provide the Council with his recommendation for the future structure of ND CDE. As part of the proposal Jon will lay out in specific terms what process needs to be followed to elicit a Council decision.

Gary Gronberg, DPI, informed the Council that the II-D grants using regular funds are currently distributed. Those applications were due in August 2009.

Lisa Feldner, ITD, provided an overview with regard to the State's involvement in the following ARRA programs:

- Broadband
- Broadband Mapping
- Health IT
- Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems

Other Business

The Nominating Committee, Lisa Feldner and Bev Nielson, presented a slate of officers; Art Conklin for Chair and Darin King for vice Chair. Shawneen Voiles seconded the motion to accept the slate which passed unanimously. Gary Gronberg moved that nominations cease, Tom Eberle seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Approve: Conklin, Cummings, Eberle, Gronberg, King, Kutzer, Lehn, Marshall, Voiles; Absent: Feldner Nielson, Snow)

Council Development

Rich Lehn provided information about Microsoft's "Live@EDU" used by some of the higher education sites. Live at EDU is used to provide email for students, doesn't include faculty and staff, in some of the ND institutions. Also gives access to the Outlook calendar system. LIVE@EDU gives the students more storage space and the ability to attach larger documents. These email addresses can be used for life so alumni can continue to use this address after graduation. Minot State, Dakota College, Lake Region, Dickinson, UND and NDSU will be moving over to Live@EDU in spring 2010. Valley City and Mayville are looking at the experience of the other campuses before adopting this service for their email.

John Gieser, EduTech, commented that the K-12 users are well served by the "sendit" email service. EduTech can verify identity for gaining access to logs for monitoring acceptable use violations. EduTech monitors accounts for safety. Sendit usernames and passwords are used for blogging, podcasting, graduate credit service, website creation and maintenance, submitting a tech plan, and others.

Policy Reviews

GP-8/8E: Biennial Agenda Planning

Tom Eberle moved to affirm the GP-8 policy. Darin King second the motion which passed unanimously (Approve: Conklin, Cummings, Eberle, Gronberg, King, Kutzer, Lehn, Marshall, Voiles; Absent: Feldner Nielson, Snow)

Progress Report on Results Policies

i) R-1 Continuous System Improvement

Items highlighted were:

PowerSchool reporting systems have been rolled out

Credit Recovery courses are now available through ND CDE. A Credit Recovery course demonstration will be shown at the NDCEL conference.

ii) R-2 Coordinated Educational Technology System

Items highlighted were:

North Dakota Studies project continues to expand

iii) R-3 Distance Education Delivering Comprehensive Curriculum

Items highlighted were:

EduTech has requested that more information be included on the ITD website. ITD has made improvements and are continuing the updating process.

iv) R-4 Professional Development

v) R-5 System Integrity and Stability

Items highlighted were:

John Gieser stated that the internet filtering has been insufficient since the upgrades to K-12 STAGEnet. Filtering will be improved within October 2009.

Debriefing

All six Debriefing Forms that were completed indicated a Satisfactory meeting process.

Next Meeting November 19, 2009 9:00 to noon on video.

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

Art adjourned the meeting at 11:50 am