

ND ETC Quarterly Meeting
November 30, 2010
Via ITV

Present:	Art Conklin	Tom Cummings	Tom Eberle	Lisa Feldner	Gary Gronberg
	Darin King	Rich Lehn	Debby Marshall	Bev Nielson	Steve Snow
Absent:	Wayne Kutzer				
Staff:	Dan Pullen	Jody French	Alan Peterson	Deborah Janzen	

Art called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM

Approval of Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

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

Old Business

Budget discussion

ND ETC, ND CDE and EduTech budgets have been submitted to OMB.

Wimba contract follow up

Jody French reported that the ND University system has purchased the Wimba Collaboration Suite™ which includes Classroom, Voice, and Pronto \$135 per FTE per year.

Pricing models are annual costs and include

1. Classroom license which is a room for groups to share. The smallest contract for 50 people is \$2,000.
2. Moderator license for regularly scheduled meetings. The minimum license for 10 people is \$300 a seat. The room is always available.
3. Open Access license for ‘whole groups or districts’. The cost is determined by the number of people interested in using Wimba.

NDLEAD is using Adobe Connect Pro with REAs. This product is working well for their purposes for less cost than Wimba. The set up cost is \$450 then \$150 per year. ITD is using Polycom CMA as a pilot with some schools.

There is no immediate need to determine a desktop product at this time. EduTech will investigate the use and need of desktop video for courses.

New Business

Council vacancy

Shawneen Voiles has resigned from the ETC. Dan Pullen and Jody French have begun to compile a list of teachers which could be forwarded to the governor.

Bev Nielson moves to accept the resignation and confirmed the process to fill the position. Tom Eberle seconded which was unanimous. (Approve: Conklin, Cummings Eberle, Feldner, Gronberg, Marshall Nielson, Snow; Absent: King, Lehn, Kutzer)

Debby Marshall moves to have a plaque of appreciation sent to Shawneen. Bev Nielson seconds the notion unanimous. (Approve: Conklin, Cummings Eberle, Feldner, Gronberg, Marshall Nielson, Snow; Absent: King, Lehn, Kutzer)

Council Development

Council and staff members made suggestions for council development in forthcoming meetings.

1. State longitudinal data system (March meeting-Steve Snow)
2. CDE repositioning (April-June meeting)
3. EduTech, EduSocial (July-September meeting)

Rich and Darin joined the meeting.

Policy Reviews

Progress Report on Results Policies

R-1 Continuous System Improvement

Dan said that the Qwest Teacher and Technology grants were awarded in November. Qwest staff surprised the successful teachers with check presentation in their schools. Qwest is going through a merger and is uncertain if the grant program will continue.

Jody stated that representatives from EduTech, ITD, DPI, and several ND K12 schools met to discuss the implementation of a statewide K12 electronic directory. All participants agreed that a K12 Active Directory would be useful in providing DPI and EduTech services. This directory will be built in approximately 18 months.

A new K-12 email service will likely be outsourced after the directory is complete.

The proposal to the legislature is that PowerSchool will be funded for all schools through a .006 factor in the PPP. The EduTech operating budget will be located in the ITD budget (\$2.5 million) and the PowerSchool funding will be included in the DPI budget (\$1.5 million).

EduTech received a Broadband professional development grant of \$250,000 to be awarded to teams of four (an administrator and three teachers); \$5,000 per grant in 30 school districts.

R-2 Coordinated Educational Technology System

Dan announced that the state longitudinal system has a permanent name SLDS. The K12 portion of that system is called the PK12 Domain of the SLDS (SLDS: PK-12).

DPI and SANS staff members have had discussions concerning state funding of PowerSchool for the non-public schools. DPI will follow up on concerning this issue. There is no indication of legislation is being drafted.

Jody stated that the work with DPI on the Title II-D grants is going well.

R-3 Distance Education Delivering Comprehensive Curriculum

Dan is working with Dave Skogen, EduTech; on developing a "RUS" grant application that may result in some of the state's out-of-date video codecs being replaced with financial support through the RUS program.

Al highlighted the reorganization and repositioning statements. CDE is clear that each of the goals can be achieved.

R-4 Professional Development

Jody extended an invitation to the Council to attend the Technology Showcase on February 16, 2011 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

The CDE will participate in the Technology Showcase focusing on the student centered initiatives with North Dakota students and teachers.

R-5 System Integrity and Stability

EduTech is concerned about the level of phishing on the network.

CDE is looking at how to respond when connections go down from one of the vendors.

Debriefing - Eight debriefing forms were received. All eight indicated a satisfactory meeting. Comments: "I was interested in the plans for the legislative session – good discussions and into the issues that lie ahead!"

Next meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2011 from 12:00-3:00 pm via ITV.

Art adjourned the meeting at 11:35 am.