

ND ETC Quarterly Meeting

March 9, 2011

Via ITV

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

Art called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

Approval of Agenda

Lisa Feldner moved to accept the agenda as distributed. Wayne Kutzer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Rich Lehn moved to accept the consent agenda. Bev Nielson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Recognition Activities

The Council recognized Dr. Lisa Feldner for the appearing in the December 2010 edition of Public CIO Magazine. The Council also recognized Shawneen Voiles for her service on the ETC.

Old Business

- SB2150 was derived from the Education Commission recommendations. The two issues in SB2150 that directly affect ND ETC are the reorganization of ND CDE and financial arrangement of the funding of PowerSchool.
- HB 1021 is the ITD funding bill which includes the funding for ND ETC, EduTech and ND CDE. The only change was to eliminate 1.9 ND CDE FTE and special fund authority relating to that 1.9 FTE.
- SB 2013 is the DPI funding bill. The .006 funding factor for PowerSchool is part of SB 2013.

These funding issues in the three bills have received little challenge so far.

- CTE so far has funding in place to keep reimbursement rates at the same level. In addition, funding has been allocated for one virtual center for the northwest part of the state.

Council Development

Steve Snow, DPI, reported on the K12 SLDS data warehouse.

Policy Reviews

Executive Limitations

Executive Limitations – Tom Eberle moved that the council is in compliance with all Executive Limitations policies. Lisa Feldner seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Progress Report on Results Policies

R-1 Continuous System Improvement

Jody French reported on PowerSchool staff changes. Jane Hovda is the Manager replacing Don Simon. Don Simon is now a PowerSchool specialist. Bob Baumann was hired as a PowerSchool specialist.

John Gieser, EduTech, is the contact concerning the active directory project.

R-2 Coordinated Educational Technology System

Viewpoint data warehouse group meets every other month. The Viewpoint school staff members are becoming more data savvy on how to effectively use data.

EduTech is partnering with DPI to help the customers in seamlessly resolving problems.

CDE is creating a “school within a school” or “virtual academy” for North Dakota schools.

R-3 Distance Education Delivering Comprehensive Curriculum

There are some video classroom grant funds that are unencumbered. All the video classroom grant funds will be spent by July 31, 2011.

A federal RUS grant to fund new video equipment in 30-50 schools is being pursued by ETC, EduTech and ITD with the assistance of a grant writer available through Polycom.

R-4 Professional Development

The Title II-D grant implementation is going well. Twenty two schools participated in the training.

Only seventeen schools applied for the NTIA \$5,000 grants. Each of these schools may apply for an additional \$3,800 to provide six more workshops.

Donna Walker Tileston will provide a workshop to ND CDE teachers on March 10, 2011. Dr. Tileston returns in June for three day RTI training.

R-5 System Integrity and Stability

Alan Peterson and John Struchynski will be joining Jane Hovda in Oriska at the elementary school to see the opening day for the implementation of PowerSchool. Al is proposing future coordination of help desk, with EduTech and ITD, to respond to user's distance education questions.

Debriefing: Nine forms were returned.

Comments: another efficient, well run meeting; there was efficient use of time to speed through areas where there was no outstanding issue, and time to delve into some issues that were not as clear!

Next meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2011 from 10:00-1:00 pm at the Capitol.

Art adjourned the meeting at 11:35 am.