

ND ETC Quarterly Meeting
Minutes
May 9, 2011
Pioneer Room, Capitol

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

Art call the meeting to order at 10:09 am

Approval of Agenda

Wayne Kutzer moved to accept the agenda as presented. Rich Lehn seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Lisa Feldner moved to accept the consent agenda as presented. Tom Eberle seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Recognition activities

Gary Gronberg received a plaque in appreciation of his service to the ETC.

Old Business

Dan Pullen, Jody French, Lisa Feldner, Wayne Kutzer, Rich Lehn reported on the appropriations received by their respective departments/agencies.

New Business

Al Peterson reported that the terms of the contract with Pearson were not met and a new contract will be negotiated.

CDE will use BrainHoney™ as the Learning Management System (LMS), Genius™ will be the Student Information System (SIS) and Microsoft business office product which works with Genius. These products will be used beginning July 1, 2011.

Other Business

Lisa Feldner and Bev Nielson agreed to serve on the ND ETC nominating committee.

Policy Reviews

GP-2/2E: Governing Style

Rich Lehn moved to affirm that the council is in compliance including the change in language. (in section IX-1: the wording should be changed from “Council of Education” to “Educational Technology Council”). Lisa Feldner seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

C/DR-5/5E: Monitoring Director Performance CDR-5/5E

Tom Eberle moved to extend Dan Pullen’s employment from July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012 with a salary increase which follows OMB salary increase guidelines beginning July 1, 2011. Debby Marshall seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Progress Report on Results Policies

R-1 Continuous System Improvement

Jody French reported that three committees addressing data issues have merged into one committee.

Alan Peterson described CDE’s mandate as: “North Dakota Center for Distance Education ought to play a significant role in ensuring that classroom/school offerings in ND are accessible, high in quality, and are affordable.”

R-2 Coordinated Educational Technology System

Alan Peterson pointed out the CDE strategic plan document; **RETHINKING DISTANCE EDUCATION IN NORTH DAKOTA: A PLAN, A REPORT, AND A LOOK TO THE FUTURE**. This document was presented to Governor Dalrymple and DPI management council members.

R-3 Distance Education Delivering Comprehensive Curriculum

Dan Pullen reported that a RUS (Rural utilities Service) grant was written with EduTech to fund video equipment upgrades next year.

Alan Peterson drew attention to the diagram “School-within-a-School”. This is the concept that CDE is using to design programs for North Dakota schools.

R-4 Professional Development

Jody French reported that the Title IID grant program will end 6-30-11 and the NTIA grant programs ends 6-30-12.

Al Peterson reported that CDE staff members are researching methods to support teachers with professional development designed for addressing specific needs.

R-5 System Integrity and Stability

Jody French stated that problems with malware are increasing.

Alan Peterson sees a need to provide help desk support as a combined effort with EduTech and ITD.

Council, Staff and Linkage Reports

Steve Snow reported that progress on PK-12 SLDS is going well. Ellendale, Beulah, and Mandan school districts are piloting SLDS reports feature. DPI will be implementing PK-12 SLDS to more districts. DPI is working on loading the state assessments into PK-12 SLDS. Steve stated that joining the three committees; DPI Data Advisory, PowerSchool Steering and PK-12 SLDS will facilitate communication.

Debriefing

Ten responses were received. All of the responses indicated a satisfactory meeting. Comment: "Face-to-face is always important to this type of agenda."

Next Meeting

September 8, 2011 itv 9:00-12:00

Art adjourned the meeting at 11:53 am

Council Development

Teacher Effectiveness Initiative-Bush Foundation Grant **1:00 PM in the Pioneer Room**

Representatives from the Bush Foundation, UW Madison-VARC, NDSU, VCSU, and DPI gave an overview of the Bush Foundation Teacher Effectiveness Initiative. The Bush Foundation is in partnership with 14 higher-education institutions in North Dakota, Minnesota and South Dakota reforming the way teachers are recruited, prepared, placed and supported.

The Bush Foundation is funding this initiative over a 10 year period with the goal of preparing the 25,000 teachers needed in the three states.