

# ND ETC Quarterly Meeting

## Minutes

September 8, 2011

Art called the meeting to order at 9:00

<b>Present</b>	Amy Benz	Darin King	<b>Absent</b>	Steve Snow
	Art Conklin	Wayne Kutzer		
	Tom Cummings	Rich Lehn	<b>Staff:</b>	Dan Pullen
	Tom Eberle	Debby Marshall		Al Peterson
	Lisa Feldner	Matt Strinden		Jody French
				Deborah Janzen

Matt Strinden was introduced as the new DPI member representing the state superintendent.

### Introduction of Guests

Five EduTech staff members were introduced: Tabitha Lang, Paul Jensen, Bill Leith, Charity Nix, and Carissa Swenson.

### Correspondence

Dan read the correspondence from Jon Martinson concerning filling the School Board Association's position on the ETC.

### Approval of Agenda

Tom Eberle moved to approve the agenda. Lisa Feldner seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

### Consent Agenda

Lisa Feldner moved to approve the consent agenda. Darin King seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

### Council Development

Five EduTech staff members Tabitha Lang, Manager of Professional Development and Outreach, Devils Lake; Information Technology Specialists: Paul Jensen, Fargo; Bill Leith, Devils Lake; Charity Nix, Valley City; and Carissa Swenson, Beulah presented examples of student project funded by the Title II-D federal grant program. Twenty-two schools were awarded funds to facilitate the technology integration into classrooms. Projects included

- Netbook 1-on-1 initiative
- Virtual frog dissection with special education students
- Adding a camera to a microscope to show the image on their whiteboard
- Digital journal about a location the student wished to visit. The journal included images, video and audio.

- Creating stories on an iPad across the entire middle school and subject areas. The stories include audio, video, and images.
- Students made basketball skills demo videos, wrote scripts, rehearsed, get the skills correctly, and edited their videos

Professional development is a big part of the process. EduTech will be gathering information during Fall 2011 as the project is winding down. The information will be synthesized into a whitepaper available. EduTech hopes that the model will continue after the grant money is gone.

### Council, Staff and Linkage Reports

Tom Eberle reported that the new SANS president is Morgan Forness from Shiloh Christian School.

### Other Business

The Council accepts the Nominating Committee Report for the chair and vice chair posts, Art Conklin and Darin King, respectively. The Council expressed their appreciation for the work of the officers.

### Policy Reviews

#### GP-8/8E: Biennial Agenda Planning

Tom Eberle moved to accept GP-8 policy as in compliance. Debby Marshall seconded the motion which passed unanimously. (Yes: Benz, Conklin, Cummings, Eberle, King, Kutzer, Lehn, Marshall, and Strinden; Absent: Feldner, Snow)

#### R-1 Continuous System Improvement

EduTech's goal is to provide more self-service help for users. PowerSchool video tutorials are password protected. Other video tutorials are available to all North Dakota educators.

Two people have been hired as PowerSchool Specialists, Jack Knopp and Jill Baird began working in July.

CDE will be offering PD 360, school improvement network, has a library of approximately 4,000 video tutorials for teachers. PD 360 would be combined with BrainHoney, CDE learning management system. The PD 360 staff members will provide a demo in the Wolford School on September 29, 2011. A pilot program will begin to see how it works before subscribing to the full service.

## R-2 Coordinated Educational Technology System

ETC will begin rewriting the ND Educational Technology Plan. Dan will be putting a committee together to write a new plan. Educators are asking for a state approved benchmarks document for Eighth grade technology literacy. A committee will develop a set of benchmarks which should be completed by May.

The RUS grant is still in process. EduTech should be informed by the end of November.

CDE is establishing partnerships with schools. CDE has written a model plan to address needs in small schools. This plan will be customized to meet the specific needs of each partner school. 123 that have fewer than 300 students

## R-3 Distance Education Delivering Comprehensive Curriculum

CDE applied for an i3 grant from the US Department of Education. The i3 grants provide money for rural education. Receiving these grant funds would provide needed funding to better serve North Dakota school and would allow CDE to communicate our focus to schools. The grant awards will be announced in December 2011.

## R-4 Professional Development

NTIA leaders have been trained and the workshops are being scheduled.

## R-5 System Integrity and Stability

The new CDE software installed in 2011

- Genius™, the student information system
- BrainHoney™, a learning management system
- Microsoft Dynamic GP™, the business software
- Elluminate™, online conferencing and collaboration service

These systems are integrated with each other. Moodle™, another learning management system, was installed several years ago and continues to be used. Moodle also integrates with the software listed above.

Debriefing Five responses were received. All of the responses indicated a satisfactory meeting.

Comments:

- The group wasn't very animated, so Art had to work to get responses. He did a good job keeping the meeting going! The EduTech presentations were well done---I can see where lots of teachers would like to have the opportunities that were given to the grant schools!

- Another good meeting and thanks to Art and Darin for their continued leadership as Chair and Vice Chair.
- Thank you to the staff for their presentations and taking time out of their busy schedules to participate in the meeting.

#### Next Meetings

Policy Governance Review Meeting – October 26, 2011 in Bismarck 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Quarterly ETC Meeting – November 30, 2011 via ITV 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Art adjourned the meeting at 11:10 pm.