

ND ETC Quarterly Meeting  
November 26, 2012  
Via ITV

<b>Present:</b>	Kirsten Baesler	Amy Benz	<b>Absent:</b>	Tom Eberle	Steve Snow
	Art Conklin	Tom Cummings			
	Lisa Feldner	Wayne Kutzer	<b>Staff:</b>	Darin King	Jody French
	Rich Lehn	Debby Marshall		Alan Peterson	Cory Steiner
	Craig Nansen			Deborah Janzen	

Art called the meeting to order at 9:00

Introduction of Guests

John Gieser, EduTech  
Cory Steiner, ETC

Approval of Agenda

Lisa Feldner moved to approve the agenda as sent; Wayne Kutzer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Kirsten Baesler moved to approve the consent agenda as sent; Debby Marshall seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Recognition activities

The Council congratulated Kirsten Baesler who was elected State Superintendent. The Council commended Amy Benz as one Christian Heller's teachers. Heller was named a Rhodes Scholar in 2012.

Old Business

Darin stated that the budget process is in place for the 2013 Legislative Session. He will continually update the Council during the Legislative session. Al reported that the CDE staff members are working on the CDE fact sheet for the legislature.

## Council Development

**Broadband Access** - Darin King presented information on broadband access for K12 schools. A report compiled by the State Educational Technology Directors Association (SETDA) in 2011-12 developed four recommendations for policy makers and school leaders

North Dakota is positioned to keep on track with broadband access for K12 schools. The recommendations are aggressive. The need for increasing band width is constant. A 20-30% annual increase is an estimate to support interactive needs.

Lisa Felder that ITD has the technology capability to increase bandwidth for K12. Funding is the key. Two philosophies are in play, 1) provide unlimited bandwidth as it is used and 2) prioritize functions that need bandwidth.

Members reported that technology gap among students is both the availability of devices and the lack of connectivity in certain areas of North Dakota

**EduTech Desktop Security** John Gieser reported that the security solutions used via EduTech over the last 10-12 years is no longer an efficient use of state funds and an effective means to protect local networks. EduTech is moving to a system which protects the wider network, but leaves the local schools to protect its own network. EduTech is providing assistance to schools in protecting local network.

## Policy Reviews

### Progress Report on Results Policies

#### R-1 System Improvement

ETC is involved in the SLDS development. The Active Directory project is nearly complete.

#### R-2 System Coordination

PowerSchool – Pearson sent 5 employees to the ND PowerSchool Users' Group for a resource, customer service and public relations. The company is impressed with the level of support provided to schools by EduTech. Pearson staff members commended EduTech for its exemplary PowerSchool user support.

ND CDE is modeling the process based management system for schools it serves. Some small schools find this management style beneficial for their school.

### R-3 Distance Education

RUS final report will be completed early in 2013.

Schools are contacting CDE with requests for specific classes. CDE works to provide the requested courses first through vendor partnership.

### R-4 Professional Development

EduTech hosted the first Learning Forward conference in November. The EduTech staff members were exemplary in providing sessions and organization for the conference.

The CDE teachers are receiving professional development through a number of providers. A single staff member attends conferences and further disseminates the information to the other teachers.

### R-5 System Integrity, Stability and Security

No additions were made to the written report.

### Debriefing

Five satisfactory response with four comments

- Always good to hear from staff about the activities going on. There are no legislative topics to be watching? The group didn't seem to have big issues for today, but that will change as the legislature gets going.
- OK
- Another well run meeting and being mindful of everyone's time. Thanks.
- Once again I would like to thank Darin, Jody and Alan for the preparation they make in advance in reference to their reports.

The next ETC meeting will be held January 31, 2013 1:30-4:30 via video

Art adjourned the meeting at 10:20 am.