

NORTH DAKOTA EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 19, 2014

Present:	Kirsten Baesler	Nancy Bollingberg	Shelly Christensen
Jeff Fastnacht	Lisa Feldner	Lawrence King	Nick Klemisch
Wayne Kutzer	Craig Nansen	Mike Ressler	
Absent:	Darrin Roach	Steve Snow	
Staff Present:	Jody French	Alan Peterson	Rob Kaspari
Amy Engelhard	Deborah Janzen		

Jeff called the meeting to order 9:05

Introduction of Council and Guests

Jody French introduced the two new Council Members in attendance, Nancy Bollingberg and Shelly Christensen, representing schools with enrollments less than 400 students and teachers, respectively. The third new Council Member, Darrin Roach, Oak Grove Lutheran High School Principal, was unable to attend. Darrin represents non-public schools.

Consent Agenda

Lisa Feldner moves to approve the consent agenda. Wayne Kutzer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Recognition activities

ND CDE received AdvancED accreditation in summer 2014
ND CDE was ranked 39th Best Online High School Diploma program by “The Best Schools” organization.

Council, Staff and Linkage Reports

Alan Peterson described the ND CDE Course Fliers included in the Council documents. These fliers are distributed to schools across North Dakota instead of a published catalog. The list of courses are available on the ND CDE website.

Alan commented on the new ND CDE office configuration and process map. The new facility will provide an effective organization of ND CDE personnel, private spaces for students and teachers to work together and for students to complete exams.

Mike Ressler gave the highlights of the ITD 15-17 Strategic Plan. The plan focuses on two areas; security and the ‘cloud’.

Craig Nansen announced the forthcoming NDATL Conference in Minot, October 13-14, 2014 and the Spring NDATL Conference, April 2015. Dave Burgess, author of Teach like a Pirate, will be the keynote speaker at the Spring 2015 Conference in Fargo.

Old Business

Alan Peterson requests consideration for the **Annual Compliance Report for School Approval**.

Lisa Feldner moves to approve the ND CDE Compliance report. Mike Ressler seconded the motion which passed unanimously. (Yes: Baesler, Christensen, Fastnacht, Feldner, King, Klemisch, Kutzer, Nansen, Ressler; Absent: Roach, Snow)

Office 365 Early Adopters

Nick Klemisch reported that Office 365 was working well. He especially likes the amount of email storage.

ETC 2015-17 Initiative

Jody French is creating an ETC grant program for the 2015-17 biennium which supports 1:1 initiatives. This grant program will replace the three grant programs available during the 2013-15 biennium; Classroom Transformation, Video Classroom, and Technology Readiness Grants. The Classroom Transformation and Video Classroom Grant program have provided funding in each biennium since 2002.

Legislative Leadership Team

Jody French asked the members of the Policy Governance Review Committee if they would be willing to serve on a continuation of that committee to recommend updated language for any Century Code proposed changes. All current committee members agreed to serve; Jeff Fastnacht, Lisa Feldner, Lawrence King, and Alan Peterson.

Other Business

Election of Officers

Nick Klemisch moves to accept the Nomination Committee Report appointing Jeff Fastnacht as Chair. Wayne Kutzer seconded the motion which passed unanimously. (Yes: Baesler, Christensen, Fastnacht, Feldner, King, Klemisch, Kutzer, Nansen, Ressler; Absent: Roach, Snow)

Wayne Kutzer moves to accept the Nick Klemisch for Vice-Chair. Lisa Feldner seconded the motion which passed unanimously. (Yes: Baesler, Christensen, Fastnacht, Feldner, King, Klemisch, Kutzer, Nansen, Ressler; Absent: Roach, Snow)

Council Development

eTranscript

Jane Hovda, EduTech, demonstrated the eTranscript portal. The eTranscript program is designed to submit student transcripts to North Dakota colleges.

Office 365 Update

John Gieser, EduTech, reported that building the identity management piece was the more complicated piece to launch Office 365. EduTech staff members have been working hard to implement this initiative. A full version will be shown at NDATL in October 2014. A launch event will be held on the Fargo Microsoft Campus on October 27, 2014. A day of training will be held on October 28, 2014.

Policy Reviews

GP-8/8E: Biennial Agenda Planning

Kirsten Baesler moves to affirm that the council is in compliance and that no changes are needed to the policy. Lisa Feldner seconded the motion which passed unanimously. (Yes: Baesler, Christensen, Fastnacht, Feldner, King, Klemisch, Kutzer, Nansen, Ressler; Absent: Roach, Snow)

R-1 Continuous System Improvement

The highlights from the reports include:

- ETC sponsors the FIM project.
- EduTech staff members are demonstrating the capability of 3D printing around the state.
- CDE sets the benchmark for future data in this report.

R-2 Coordinated Educational Technology System

The highlights from the reports include:

- ETC developed a SLDS brochure for the multi-use organizations which need access to SLDS
- EduTech will provide sessions at conferences including: NDATL, DPI, ND CEL,
- CDE clarified the effectiveness and efficiency statistics: the error rate is due to the number manually entered fields.

R-3 Distance Education Delivering Comprehensive Curriculum

The highlights from the reports include:

- ETC gave Video Classroom grant information. The amount of funding was greater than the number of grant requests.
- EduTech hosts #ndedchat on Twitter. These Wednesday evening Twitter discussions provide great information for ever increasing participation.
- CDE staff members are grappling with the questions;
 - completion rate,
 - what is net learning?
 - What teacher actions specifically impact student learning.
- Current CDE enrollment is 200+ higher than a year ago
- A Chinese school has contacted ND CDE and will be enrolling approximately 50 students in ND CDE courses

R-4 Professional Development

The highlights from the reports include:

- ETC provides on-site SLDS training, through an initiative entitled 'SEED'. Each school receives three days of training during the school year. Six schools are participating.
 - Dakota Prairie
 - Hillsboro
 - MayPort CG
 - Stanley
 - Surrey
 - Velva
- EduTech reports that all of the Information Technology Specialist (ITS) staff members are certified trainers. The focus of the E-Rate funding is changing support to wireless service and phase out legacy service. Graduate credit tracking has been implemented to help teachers keep their teaching licenses current.
- CDE is focusing on improving the contact time between students and teachers. The more the student/teacher contact, the greater the likelihood of completion.

R-5 System Integrity and Stability

The highlights from the reports include:

- EduTech takes security very seriously. The Palo Alto program has protected the state network. ITD and EduTech are working on improving the security to manage threats within the network.
- CDE is using ZenDesk to monitor security breaches.

Debriefing

The Council consensus was that the meeting was informative and productive.

The next meeting will be Wednesday 26, 2014 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Nick Klemisch moved to adjourn 11:30 pm