



NORTH DAKOTA
EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL

February 1, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Present:	Bob Christman for Kirsten Baesler	Nancy Bollingberg	Shelly Christensen	Patty Cummings
	Jeff Fastnacht	Lawrence King	Wayne Kutzer	Jeff Rerick
	Mike Ressler	Darrin Roach	Steve Snow	
Absent:	Lisa Feldner			
Staff:	Jody French	Rob Kaspari	Alan Peterson	Amy Engelhard
	Deborah Janzen			

Nancy Bollingberg called the meeting to order at 9:06 am.

Approval of Agenda

Mike Ressler moved to approve the agenda. Steve Snow seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Wayne Kutzer moved to approve/change the consent agenda. Shelly Christensen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Old Business

Mike Ressler reported that the projected state revenue is down \$30 to \$50 million per month. The Governor will announce new project projections at an 11:00 am meeting today. The anticipated budget projection is expected to necessitate a 2.5% reduction in state budgets.

Council Development

Steve Snow, DPI, described the work of the State Reporting Committee. The committee is working on streamlining the data gathering process for schools. The goal is to have schools input data only once. If the data is needed for multiple reports that data can be collected in one form and used in another. For example, PowerSchool data is uploaded into the SLDS database each night so the data schools input in PowerSchool does not need to be input again in to the SLDS. Steve will provide updates as the work of the committee progresses.

Policy Reviews

- a. Executive Limitations
 - i) EL-1: Global Executive Constraint
 - ii) EL-2: Emergency Director Succession
 - iii) EL-3: Treatment of the Public
 - iv) EL-4: Staff Treatment
 - v) EL-5: Staff Compensation
 - vi) EL-6: Staff Evaluations
 - vii) EL-7: Budgeting/Financial Planning
 - viii) EL-8: Financial Administration
 - ix) EL-9: Asset Protection
 - x) EL-10: Communication and Counsel to the Council
 - xi) EL-11: Biennial Report to the Public

Nancy Bollingberg moved to approve the Executive Limitations policies. Wayne Kutzer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Progress Report on Results Policies

R-1 Continuous System Improvement

Rob highlighted the Sendit email retirement at the end of 2015.

The CDE SmartLab is used by the Park Boards in West Fargo and Fargo and the YMCA.

R-2 Coordinated Educational Technology System

Rob reported that Office 365 use continues to expand.

Alan reported that overall CDE enrollment is 300 higher compared to last year. The spring semester is looking to have a larger enrollment than the fall semester. The out of state enrollments are down.

R-3 Distance Education Delivering Comprehensive Curriculum

The RUS Grant from USDA has been finalized. The equipment has been ordered for the schools.

The Twitter discussions #ndtechchat has had some spin offs so the frequency and participation has dropped. The sessions occur from 9:00 pm to 9:30 pm on the first Wednesday of every month.

Small schools interested in purchasing a SmartLab are asking to finance the payment

of labs. A company which provides financing services to government can meet this need.

CLEM through NDCDE can be a road to enter college without a student needing to take the ACT or remedial courses the higher education vice chancellor supports this process.

R-4 Professional Development

The North Dakota state e-rate application was audited this year. The audit was completed without needing to resolve any issues.

Schools are requesting AP and dual credit courses. The 80% of CDE teachers who have a Master's degree can teach AP courses.

SLDS workshops are well used as schools realize the value of the data in improving teaching and learning.

R-5 System Integrity and Stability

The need for servers has diminished as sendit users have migrated to K12 email accounts.

One of the vendors, Accelerate Education, uses adaptive learning in courses. Accelerate Education works with Buzz.

Debriefing

Five debriefing responses were received from Council members. All responses indicate that the meeting was conducted in a satisfactory manner.

The next ETC meeting will be held at the CDE offices in Fargo on April 25, 2016 beginning at 11:00 am.

Jeff adjourned the meeting at 10:08 am CT.