

NESC Joint Governing/Administrative Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 9, 2022, 12:30 p.m.
Lake Region State College, Dining Hall

Administrative & Governing Board Members present included Jay Slade, Dakota Prairie (online); Matt Bakke, Devils Lake; Dr. Frank Schill, Edmore (online); Kent Dennis, Fessenden/Bowden; Jeff Olson, Four Winds; Gil Black, Kensal; Dr. Doug Darling and Dan Driessen, LRSC; Kevin Baumgarn, Lakota; Mark Huso, Lakota; Rhandi Knutson, LRSE; Daren Christianson, Langdon Area; Sara Bilden, Midkota (online); Dave Ambers, Minnewaukan; Jean Callahan, Minnewaukan; Brad Nash, Mount Pleasant-Rolla (online); Robert Bubach, Munich; Dr. Connie Hovendick, NDSD; Dr. Paul Stremick, Rolette (online); Jackie Thompson, Tate Topa.

Those not present:: Todd Jorde, Dakota Prairie; Steve Halldorson, Devils Lake; Robert Thom, Leeds & Maddock; Dr. Jill Louters, New Rockford/Sheyenne; John Peters, North Star; Jeff Hagler, North Star; Jordan Brown, Oberon; Robert Toso, Pingree/Buchanan; Carrie Hope, St. Alphonsus; Michelle Clouse, St. Joseph; Larry Volk, Starkweather; Chris Berg, Starkweather; Mary Langley, Warwick; and Angela Brandt, Warwick.

Others present: Jennifer Carlson, NESC Executive Director; and Erin Lacina, NESC Director of Professional Learning and Operations; Jamison Brekke, NESC Technology Specialist.

Welcome & Call to Order

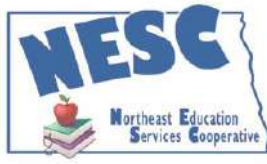
The meeting was called to order by Kevin Baumgarn, Lead Administrator, at 12:30 p.m.

Review of Agenda

No changes were made to the agenda. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Kent Dennis and seconded by Dave Ambers, motion carried.

Approval of Joint Board Minutes (10/13/2022)

A motion was made by Matt Bakke and seconded by Jean Callahan to approve the October 13, 2022, NESC Joint Board Minutes on pages 3-9 of the board packet, motion carried.



Financial Report

Jennifer Carlson reviewed the current financial report on page 10. A draft budget for 2022-2023 was also reviewed on page 11 with anticipated revenue and expenses included. Daren Christianson motioned to approve the financial report; Doug Darling seconded the motion, motion carried.

NESC Operations

NESC Cognia Engagement Review Update (Fall 2022)

The NESC will host the five-year Cognia Engagement review next fall for the NESC organization. We will ask that NESC members including Governing Board members, superintendents, principals, teachers, and other member district staff members be part of the review for the organization.

2020-21 NDREA Annual Impact Report

The most recent NDREA Annual Impact Report is included on pages 12-21. This template is used by all the REAs in the state to compile data related to activities required of the REAs in ND Century Code (professional development, technology support, school improvement, data and expansion/enrichment of curriculum offerings).

NESC Programs and Services Overview

A listing of NESC services related to PD, school-based programs and direct student services is included on pages 22-23.

Grants/Professional Learning

21st CCLC Grant

Information on the 21st Century Community Learning Center grant program is outlined on pages 24-25 of the board packet including eligibility, overview, approved activities and fiscal requirements. Page 26 provides a listing of NESC membership eligibility based on free/reduced lunch status and schoolwide Title status. These may change with newly released information from DPI. Page 27 is a draft MOA that schools will need to sign once we know the final eligibility status of schools. A motion was made by Daren Christianson and seconded by Jean Callahan to approve the NESC to write and apply for the NESC 21st CCLC 3-year grant on behalf of eligible schools. Motion carried.



NDREA TSI/CSI Support Framework

DPI has continued to work with REAs to create a revised framework of support for TSI and CSI schools that would be implemented in the coming school year. Through this work team, DPI has designated how the support will fall within the REAs. The NESC has been designated to have funding from DPI for one FTE based on current and possible projected TSI/CSI work in the region. If assignments of TSI/CSI schools move outside of the NESC region, we will need to be able to potentially serve that/those districts, as well. At this point, it is recommended to add an FTE to the NESC staff for the TSI/CSI position. Discussion was held and Jean Callahan made a motion to approve hiring of one FTE for an NESC TSI/CSI position, Daren Christianson seconded the motion. All were in favor except Matt Bakke, Devils Lake Public Schools, motion carried.

DPI NDSS Grant

The NESC, SEEC and CREA were awarded a grant from DPI to implement ND State Standards through September of 2024. NESC is the project director with funding for Erin Lacina and Derryn Johnson to implement the work statewide. Other funding supports positions in the other REAs as well as workshops from outside consultants.

Standards Based Learning/Prioritized Instructional Planning (PIP)

The NDSS implementation currently includes two self-paced Canvas courses available to all ND educators; one for leaders of professional learning teams and the other for individual educators (available through June 22, 2022). Information is on page 28 of the board packet.

GEER Grant Update

The Governor's Emergency Education Relief grant supported the development for the virtual aspects of Scrubs Camp, Building Tomorrow's Leaders, Lessons from the Learning Lab, and You're Hired events. Projects funded through the ND GEER were completed last spring, but we had remaining funds that were not expended. We were able to extend our services into this past fall, doubling our opportunities for You're Hired!, Building Tomorrow's Leaders, and Lessons from the Learning Lab. The programs are available to all NESC member schools and also to schools across the state. The final report for GEER was submitted last week and a copy of the executive summary is included on pages 29-31 of the board packet.

Native Youth Community Project (NYCP) Grant – US Dept of Education Grant

The four-year NYCP grant was completed on September 30, 2021. The grant specifically included on-site work with Tate Topa and Warwick Schools. Devils Lake Public Schools was the fiscal agent. Programming included through this grant included



Marzano Resources High Reliability Schools and High Reliability Teacher, Steve Dunn Writing series, numerous college/career exploration and preparation initiatives, as well as various professional learning opportunities which spilled over to all NESC schools in many cases. The final impact report is included on pages 32-33 of the board packet.

CTE – Regional STEM Days Grant

The NESC was awarded this \$3,500 grant to support the work of Scrubs Camp. The grant will help to pay for supplies for attendees.

NDREA SRCL Subgrant

The Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy subgrant was awarded to the NDREA to support sustainability efforts of SRCL grantees as well as statewide literacy efforts. The NESC is leading the work for this project and planning for several professional learning opportunities including family engagement, assessment, and academic leadership supports for the improvement of ND students' literacy skills. Four tracks to this grant are listed below:

- Foundational Reading Assessments
- Assessing to Inform: information on page 35
- Family Engagement
- NDMTSS Leadership Network

Science of Reading Training to support NDCC 15.1-21-12.1

Discussion was held on the new law requiring Grades K-3 teachers and administrators to be trained in literacy. REAs have been asked to work with DPI to develop professional learning to support the mandate for these educators. Pages 36-43 has information on the plans to support this work including professional development plans, reporting and how to prepare. Guidance from DPI is also included. The NESC will also review past PD offerings to generate a list of potential workshops that may count for past PD for this group of educators.

Beginning Teacher Workshop

The NESC was awarded the Beginning Teacher Grant from ESPB last fall. We are currently supporting two cohorts of first, second and third year teachers from nine districts. A list of participating teachers is included on page 52 of the board packet.

NDMTSS

NESC staff have been involved with training for NDMTSS and are working with schools on various aspects of support. Several schools in the NESC have started the MTSS process this year.



August 2022 Plans

Through discussion at the fall NESC Joint Board meeting and regional educator survey feedback, it was determined that the NESC will host a half-day, in-person workshop for educators in August 2022. The latest day we can host an event at the college is August 16, prior to the start of school. We have options from a couple of presenters, and it was determined that we will hire Juan Bendana for the 16th to provide an AM and PM session. Bendana was a presenter for a youth series we facilitated two years ago and had rave reviews. He'll provide an interactive, energetic, SEL back-to-school session for educators. We will work with schools to determine the session (AM or PM) they will attend in order to accommodate schools' schedules.

2022-2023 Winter In-Service Plans

Discussion was held on hosting a winter in-service on MLK Day in January 2023, and it was determined that there is not enough interest to organize an event. Please let Erin know of any requests for on-site or virtual site/school specific PD requests for the 2022-2023 school year soon, as dates are filling up.

ALICE Active Shooter Training

TrainND NE is offering ALICE Active Shooter training to NESC schools at a discounted price. They have several levels for training with more information on pages 53-54 of the board packet.

Making Your Presentations Meaningful

Through funding from the former Learning Forward ND group and a grant from DPI, the NESC organized a statewide multi-session workshop with Marzano Resources for professional learning facilitators across North Dakota. There are 154 registered for the six sessions that run from January through March.

Support for Leadership Teams

NESC is available to support school leadership teams through the NDMTSS, strategic planning, and Cognia processes. Contact Erin Lacina for more information.

NESC Cafeteria Credit/UND VESi

Credit is available for NESC professional learning events through Valley City State University. UND also offers graduate credit opportunities through their VESi courses at a reduced rate to NESC educators. Information on both is on page 55 of the board packet.



Student Activities

TLC

The TLC Management Team will meet immediately following the NESC meeting today. The 2021-2022 full rotation is included in the board packet on pages 56-58. We just hosted an embroidery workshop last week with local teachers attending the full day session at the NESC offices. If training is needed on any equipment, please contact Jamison Brekke, he's available for consultation and training on-site.

ConnectEd

This is the virtual learning program that the NESC hosts live for NESC and K-8 afterschool programs statewide, each Tuesday (some are also broadcast twice for schools in the west/MST). Each session is also recorded and available on-demand. This year's series includes guests from the ND state historic sites, ND teaching artists, Gateway to Science in Bismarck, Be More Colorful, and the Fargo Moorhead Community Theater. Information and a schedule for the year are included on pages 59-62 of the board packet and online:

<https://sites.google.com/nescnd.org/nescconnected/home>.

Lessons from the Learning Lab

The NESC Lessons from the Learning Lab are archived online for grades K-2 and 3-5. The lessons focus on SEL, STEAM and 21st Century Skills. Information is available in the board packet on pages 63-65 and is online:

<https://sites.google.com/nescnd.org/learninglab/>.

Building Tomorrows Leaders

The NESC hosted BTL again this year for 4 districts and had 96 student participants. This is a joint program through ND DPI and NDSU Extension:

<https://www.nd.gov/dpi/education-programs/academic-support-programs/building-tomorrows-leaders-btl>

You're Hired

Several options were available for schools to participate in You're Hired events this fall and we had 17 districts and over 1,000 students participate in this program. You're Hired helps students to use the 4Cs to solve real-world problems.

Scrubs Camp

The NESC is planning for an in-person Scrubs Camp to be held at LRSC on March 24 and 25, 2022 for 5th graders in the region. Page 66 lists the schools that will be



attending, with over 350 students pre-registered. Pages 57 and 58 includes the schedule for both days.

Virtual Job Shadow

VJS is currently available for all Grade 7-12 students in the NESC; information is included on page 69. The NESC is recommending to not renew the VJS subscription after the contract expires because of low usage numbers over the past year.

CareerViewXR

This program features employers from the state and upper Midwest so students can explore various occupations virtually. It's available to all NESC districts through a generous donation from Forward DL. Page 70 has more information on the program.

Next NESC Board Meeting

The next NESC Lead Administrators Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at 12:30 p.m. at LRSC. Page 71-72 has calendars for this current year and a proposed calendar for 2022-2023.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Kent Dennis and seconded by Daren Christianson to adjourn the meeting; motion seconded. Meeting was adjourned 2:00 p.m.