



NESC Joint Governing/Administrative Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 14, 2021, 2:30 p.m.
Lake Region State College, Dining Hall

Administrative & Governing Board Members present included Jay Slade, Dakota Prairie; Matt Bakke, Devils Lake; Steve Halldorson, Devils Lake; Jeff Olson, Four Winds; Gil Black, Kensal; Dan Driessen, LRSC; Rhandi Knutson, LRSE; Daren Christianson, Langdon Area; Jean Callahan, Minnewaukan; Robert Bubach, Munich; Jeff Hagler, North Star; Jackie Thompson, Tate Topa; and Angela Brandt, Warwick.

Those not present: Todd Jorde, Dakota Prairie; Frank Schill, Edmore; D'aulan Bussman, Fessenden/Bowden; Kevin Baumgarn, Lakota; Mark Huso, Lakota; Robert Thom, Leeds & Maddock; Dave Ambers, Minnewaukan; Brad Nash, Mount Pleasant-Rolla; Jill Louters, New Rockford/Sheyenne; Dr. Connie Hovendick, NDSD; John Peters, North Star; Jordan Brown, Oberon; Robert Toso, Pingree/Buchanan; Wade Sherwin, Rolette; Carrie Hope, St. Alphonsus; Michelle Clouse, St. Joseph; Larry Volk, Starkweather; Chris Berg, Starkweather; and Mary Langley, Warwick.

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

Welcome & Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Steve Halldorson, Governing Board President, at 2:30 p.m.

Review of Agenda

No changes were made to the agenda.

Approval of Joint Board Minutes (2/10/2021)

A motion was made by Daren Christianson and seconded by Jean Callahan to approve the February 10, 2021, NESC Joint Board Minutes on pages 3-8 of the packet, motion carried.



Financial Report

Jennifer Carlson reviewed the current NESCS and NYCP financial reports on pages 9-12 of the board packet. The report includes the current NESCS and NYCP financial report as well as a projected 2021-2022 budget. Matt Bakke motioned to approve the financial report; Robert Bubach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NESCS Operations

NESCS employment agreements for staff 2021-2022: Jennifer requested that we issue employment agreements for the five full-time NESCS staff members for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Jean Callahan motioned to approve the employment agreements; Daren Christianson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Grants

21st CCLC Grant

The NESCS 21st CCLC program was notified last week that the GPRA measures from the US Department of Education will be changing effective July 1, 2021. They also now require that the state issued student ID numbers are entered into Youth Services/City Span, so that they can match up participants with school day academic data and after school participant records. The next 21st CCLC site coordinator and administrator meeting will be held next week on April 21 for the NESCS 21st CCLC Grant. The year three continuation grant application is due May 31.

ND Council on the Arts Grant

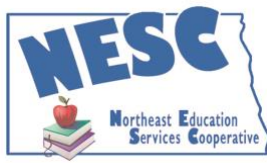
The NESCS has and will host several ConnectEd artist sessions this spring and summer. Schools are also encouraged to apply for grants from the ND Afterschool Network that support the purchase of materials and supplies to complement the ConnectEd artist sessions. We have sent out information and instructions on how to apply for this funding.

NYCP Grant Update

We are in the final year of the NYCP grant (year 4) and all activities will be completed by September 30, 2021

ESPB TSS Beginning Teacher Network Grant Update

We are just finishing up with two cohorts of the Beginning Teacher Network grant for first, second- and third-year teachers. The sessions used the instructional rounds



format and expert teachers from the region provided multiple samples of teaching through video clips from various schools and classrooms in the region. The newer teachers used the video clips to examine instructional elements including classroom management, routines and procedures and student engagement. Page 13 of the packet provides a list of participants from this current year's sessions.

UND NSF Grant – Project ExCEED

The project will provide professional learning and instructional supports for NESCS member schools, Devils Lake Central Middle School, Mt. Pleasant-Rolla and Rolette in engineering design and culturally relevant practices. The project may expand to other schools over the course of the three-year grant period. The recent press release about the project is included on page 14.

BCBS ND Grant Update

This grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield in 2020 funded the Playworks series of professional learning. The final report will be submitted soon, all activities are completed. More information is provided in the Professional Learning section below.

GEER Grant

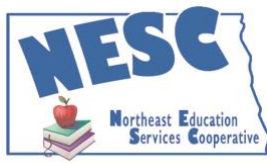
Projects funded through the ND GEER grant are underway with some activities already completed. The GEER grant supports the development for the virtual aspects of Scrubs Camp, Building Tomorrow's Leaders, Lessons from the Learning Lab, and You're Hired events. The programs are available to all NESCS member schools, and certain projects will be available to schools across the state.

ND Title III Consortium/Co-Op

Schools are encouraged to consider joining the SEEC consortium for Title III services if they don't already have their own in-house EL program. Information is included on page 15.

NDREA: NDDoH REA School Health Specialist

The ND Department of Health has approached the REAs with a project that they are funding that would provide a testing program for Covid-19 in schools. There could be some overflow benefits with this grant including possible nursing services in schools (page 16-17), but few details are known at this point. We were asked to provide a response if we have any interest in participating by Friday, April 16. Jennifer will get more information and send out a survey for board members to gauge interest before replying with our response.



NDREA TSI/CSI Support Framework

DPI is proposing an option for TSI and CSI schools to choose REAs for services for their support. If approved and this framework is developed, it will be available starting with the 2022-2023 school year.

ITV – CARES Act Video Codec for ITV Schools

Several NESC Schools have been provided new Polycom Codecs to be updated this summer. The schools getting the equipment are currently providing or receiving ITV classes. Equipment will be installed over the summer by the NESC.

Professional Learning

Priority Standards Workshops

NESC has been part of the rollout of recent Priority Standards workshops statewide. Archived webinars will be available to all ND educators before the end of the school year and will remain available through June 2022.

Playworks (Recess) Workshops

Through the BCBSND Caring For Kids grant, the NESC hosted five different Playworks sessions from September through February. Playworks supports educators involved with recess planning and supervision. Page 18 of the packet lists the various sessions and has links to request the recordings which will be only available through June 2021. Playworks is seeking future funding partners for extended professional learning opportunities with the NESC in 2021-2022 and beyond.

Steve Dunn Literacy Workshops

We will be offering a new Steve Dunn Workshop this summer called Book Clubs and is targeted to ELA teachers in grades 3-8. Page 19-20 of the packet has additional information. Register by early May. If there are still openings, we will open it up statewide at that time.

Marzano Resources / Proficiency Scales Workshops

Page 21 of the packet lists the series of sessions for the statewide Proficiency Scales initiative. There are two sessions remaining on May 3 for Proficiency Scales/Planning for Implementation and Assessment & Feedback.

NDMTSS

The annual NDMTSS summer conference is scheduled for June 8-9, 2021. The conference will be virtual with some big keynote speakers. Schools considering joining in NDMTSS next year should consider participating in the conference as a great



introduction to NDMTSS. Registration will be available soon. NESCS staff have been involved with training for NDMTSS and are able to work with schools on various aspects of support.

NESCS Virtual Support

The NESCS staff is available to schools for virtual professional learning supports, including before and after-school professional development. The staff is currently offering these services virtually, but we are planning to be available for in-person events when we are cleared to do-so at the local level. Contact Erin Lacina regarding needs.

August 2021 Regional Fall In-service

The targeted dates for back-to-school regional workshops are Fridays August 13 and August 20. Several scenarios are being explored, but the most likely will be a HALF DAY (AM) virtual event comprised of several shorter keynote sessions (also recorded, so those not able to attend can watch at a later date). Several topics were mentioned including mental health for staff and students, equity, and Tier I instructional supports. We've also reached out to other REAs in the state to see if there's any interest in partnering for this event, if we go with the virtual format. We will be exploring options and will provide an update back to the board soon.

District Date Requests for 2021-2022

Please let Erin know of any requests for on-site or virtual site/school specific PD requests for the 2021-2022 school year soon, as dates are filling up.

Change in registration software: "[Growth Zone](#)"

Just a reminder that the NESCS has signed on with several of the other REAs in the state to start utilizing "Growth Zone" (GZ), an online registration and event management system. Events starting from July 2020 are loaded into GZ and future events will use this system for registration. Each NESCS school will have accounts for all of their staff members. Page 22 has the web link to GZ and members should be able to pull PD records/hours after getting onto the website.

Student Activities

TLC

We plan to go back to the regular rotation schedule next fall for TLC equipment. Jamison will work with teachers/schools to get things moved around and ready this summer.



NESCS ConnectEd

The website (<https://sites.google.com/nescnd.org/nescsconnected/home>) was developed to host services provided by the NESCS to afterschool sites across North Dakota. Resources can also be used for the regular-day classroom. Page 23 lists remaining sessions for this school year.

Summer School / Arts – Lessons and Funding

Pages 27-28 provides an overview of the artists' sessions available in June through ConnectEd and the ND Council on the Arts. There is also a grant available that schools can utilize to purchase the supplies for the lessons.

College and Career-Readiness Supports:

Virtual Job Shadow

VJS is again available for all NESCS students and educators in grades 7-12. Information on VJS is on page 29 of the packet. Contact Erin Lacina for more information.

Scrubs Camp

Scrubs Camp was held on March 25. 630 fifth and sixth grade students attended the live virtual camp. Several health care career videos and resources were produced as a result of the camp and will be available to schools.

Building Tomorrow's Leaders

The NESCS will host BTL events virtually for schools in the NESCS and statewide, with supports through the DPI – BTL grant, as well as support from the GEER grant. This program targets leadership groups in middle and high schools and will include a service learning project for each group attending.

You're Hired

We will be hosting [You're Hired!](#) events for upper elementary through high school student groups to participate in this spring. Page 30 includes an overview of the various events offered across the state.

STOPit Program

Page 31 has information on this SEL and anonymous reporting program.

Next NESCS Board Meeting

The next NESCS Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 2, at 12:30 p.m. at LRSC.

Adjourn



Meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.