



# NESC Administrative Board Meeting

Thursday, May 12, 2022, 10:30 a.m.

NESC Offices: 810 10<sup>th</sup> St SE, Devils Lake, ND

Board Members present: Jay Slade, Dakota Prairie; Kent Dennis, Fessenden/Bowden; Jeff Olson, Four Winds; Kevin Baumgarn, Lakota; Daren Christianson, Langdon Area; Dr. Paul Stremick, Rolette (online); Jackie Thompson, Tate Topa.

Board Members not present: Matt Bakke, Devils Lake; Dr. Frank Schill, Edmore; Robert Thom, Gil Black, Kensal; Dr. Doug Darling, LRSC; Rhandi Knutson, LRSE; Leeds & Maddock; Sara Bilden, Midkota; Jean Callahan, Minnewaukan; Brad Nash, Mount Pleasant-Rolla (online); Robert Bubach, Munich; Dr. Jill Louters, New Rockford/Sheyenne; Jeff Hagler, North Star; Dr. Connie Hovendick, NDSD; Jordan Brown, Oberon; Robert Toso, Pingree/Buchanan; Michelle Clouse, St. Joseph; Larry Volk, Starkweather; and Angela Brandt, 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 Kevin Baumgarn, Lead Administrator, at 10:30 a.m.

## Review of Agenda

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

## Review of Joint Board Minutes (2/9/2022)

A motion was made by Jay Slade and seconded by Daren Christianson to approve the February 9, 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 known/anticipated revenue and



expenses included. Daren Christianson motioned to approve the financial report; Kent Dennis seconded, motion carried.

## NESC Operations

### NESC Positions Open for 2022-2023 (p 12-13)

#### Professional Learning Specialist

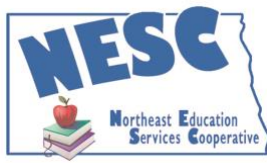
The NESC had a resignation from Derryn Johnson, Professional Learning Specialist. He is returning to the classroom at the Alternative High School in Devils Lake as an English Teacher. We have posted this position to the statewide hiring listservs.

#### Instructional Coach

During the process of hiring the new School Improvement Specialist (Alyson Parsley – see note below under NDREA TSI/CSI Support Framework), a couple of the current CSI/TSI schools expressed the need for classroom-level support in addition to leadership team support, a service previously provided by their former out-of-state consultants through the CSI or TSI initiative. We found a way to continue this classroom level support through a shared services model and a Memorandum of Understanding between participating TSI/CSI districts, allowing for the hiring of an NESC Instructional Coach to support the teachers within these schools. We advertised and received an application for this position, and with administrators from Minnewaukan and Warwick included in an interview with the NESC Exec Director and Dir of PD and Operations, we extended an offer of employment to Mrs. Dawn Johnson. Johnson accepted the position for a 195-day contract with the bulk of work to be within the two schools named above.

## NESC Website Change

We were notified that EduTech is dropping their website hosting services. The NESC will need to find a new source to host the NESC site and set it up over the summer. We're exploring options with the potential to utilize a college or high-level high school student to help out with this project.



## 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 Administrative Board members, superintendents, principals, teachers, and other NESC district staff members be part of the review for the organization.

## NESC Programs and Services Overview

A listing of NESC services related to PD, school-based programs and direct student services is included on pages 14-15.

## Grants/Professional Learning

### 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Grant

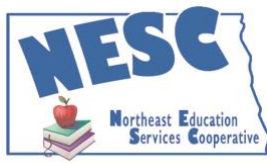
The new 3-year application for the NESC 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Grant is due on May 25, 2022. NESC staff members and 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC sites have been working collaboratively on the budget, narrative and plans for programming to ensure that regional, federal, and state goals are addressed. Input has been gathered through site visits with administrators and 21CCLC staff. We have three new sites joining our grant for this next application: Fessenden/Bowdon Elementary, Oberon Elementary and Midkota High School (Glenfield). In total, the NESC has 20 sites for the next grant cycle.

### NDREA TSI/CSI Support Framework

As reported previously, 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. After the February board meeting, the NESC advertised and hired a School Improvement Specialist to serve in this capacity, Alyson Parsley, current Lakota Elementary Principal. Mrs. Parsley will start on July 1 and is scheduled for training with ND DPI and other TSI/CSI liaisons in late July and August.

### NYCP Federal Grant \*\*\*new opportunity 2022-2027\*\*\*

After the February 2022 meeting, we received notification of a new round of the Native Youth Community Project grant opening for applications this spring. After careful review of the RFP, we completed and submitted the grant application, which if awarded, will provide the opportunity to work closely with Minnewaukan High School for students' increased college and career readiness with the additional focus of building interest in and pathways to the teaching profession.



### DPI NDSS Grant

The NESC, SEEC and CREA were awarded a grant from DPI to support schools' implementation of the ND State Content Standards through September of 2024. ND Standards-Based Learning frameworks, resources, and professional development are in development with more to be available to schools by Fall 2022. Grade K-12 proficiency scales for Science, Social Studies, and Health are being developed by state workgroups in June.

### Standards Based Learning/Prioritized Instructional Planning (PIP)

Under the ND Standards-Based Learning work, two self-paced Canvas courses are 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 pages 16-19 of the board packet.

### 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, which includes several professional learning opportunities: family engagement, assessment, and leadership supports. Opportunities from this grant are listed below:

- Assessing to Inform: Archived webinars and resources for FastBridge, AIMSweb, STAR, and NWEA. Information on pages 20-22
- Family Engagement: Planning for School, Family and Community Partnerships workshop series for leadership teams (Joyce Epstein framework for family engagement / Johns Hopkins University). Erin Lacina and Cortney Shuley from the NESC are Certified Trainers in the Epstein model of family engagement. New cohorts will be available for school leadership teams to join Fall 2022.
- NDMTSS Leadership Network: This will be announced at the 2022 NDMTSS Summer Conference with opportunities for engagement throughout 2022-23 and beyond.

### 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 the science of reading. REAs have formed a state workgroup with DPI to develop professional learning to support the mandated training. Pages 23-27 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 reviewed past PD offerings and generated a list of workshops that may contribute towards learning within the 5 big areas of reading. This list was shared with administrators.



### NDREA – DPI High Impact Tutoring Grant

Last fall, DPI offered a grant to the REAs for training of paraprofessionals and/or tutors statewide. The NESC and SEEC were approved to provide the plan and administration for this project, which will provide the option for schools to participate in Master Teacher PD (online platform with 150+courses, annual subscription paid directly by NESC - page 28 has more information), or in Safe and Civil Schools (SCS) PD, such as Assisting the Teacher workshops (page 29). The next SCS workshop is on January 16, 2023, and registration is open now. This is a great opportunity for paras to have high-quality PD; consider sending school-day or afterschool staff to this workshop.

### Beginning Teacher Workshop

The NESC was awarded the Beginning Teacher Grant from ESPB last fall for first through third year teachers. We'll be closing out the grant in June with reimbursements to districts for substitute teacher costs. We plan to apply for this same funding next year.

### 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. Page 30 has information on the June 2022 NDMTSS conference, Erin Lacina and Derryn Johnson from the NESC will be presenting at the conference. Let Erin Lacina know if you are interested in participating in any strand of NDMTSS in 2022-23 (leadership team training series for Academics, Behavior, or SEL). District Memorandums of Understanding will be distributed soon for 2022-23 commitments.

### NESC Regional Fall In-service – August 16, 2022

The NESC will host a half-day, in-person workshop for educators on August 16. We have hired Juan Bendana to provide a separate AM and PM session to accommodate all educators from the NESC region. 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. Page 31-32 lists the schools attending and sessions (AM / PM) requested.

### ALICE Active Shooter Training

TrainND NE is offering ALICE Active Shooter training to NESC schools at a discounted price. They have several levels/options for training with more information on pages 33-34 of the board packet.



## 2022-2023 Plans

Please let Erin Lacina know of any requests for on-site or virtual site/school-specific PD for the 2022-2023 school year soon, as dates are filling up.

## Support for Leadership Teams

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

## NESCS Cafeteria Credit/UND VESi

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

## Student Activities

### TLC

The 2021-2022 full rotation is included in the board packet on page 39. We are planning two full days of workshops on June 1 & 2 in Devils Lake for the Laser Engraver, Versa Camm, Dye Sublimation printer, and Corel Draw.

### ConnectEd

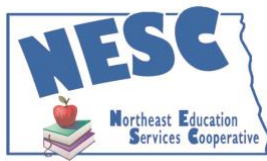
2021-22 lessons (lesson plans, resources, and videos) are archived on the ConnectEd website (engineering, arts, college/career readiness, and ND State Historic Site virtual field trips). We will be continuing this program next year with fiscal support from the ND Afterschool Network Million Girls Moonshot Grant and the ND Council on the Arts. NESCS ConnectEd website: <https://sites.google.com/nescnd.org/nescconnected/home>.

### Building Tomorrows Leaders

The NESCS will plan to host BTL again next year. Here is the website on the program; please consider having your students participate in this highly effective leadership program! <https://www.nd.gov/dpi/education-programs/academic-support-programs/building-tomorrows-leaders-btl>

### CareerViewXR

This program features employers from the state and upper Midwest so students can explore various occupations virtually. It's available to all NESCS districts through a generous donation from Forward DL.



## Other

### Bus Drivers

No discussion, this was covered at the regional superintendents' meeting on May 11 in Grand Forks.

### 2022-2023 NESC Calendar

Page 40 has a proposed NESC calendar for 2022-2023.

### Next NESC Board Meeting

The next NESC Joint Governing/Lead Administrators Board Meeting will be held on June 8, 2022, at 12:30 p.m.

### Adjourn

A motion was made by Daren Christianson and seconded by Kent Dennis to adjourn the meeting; motion seconded. Meeting was adjourned 11:22 a.m.