



NESCS Joint Governing and Administrative Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 9, 2022, 12:30 p.m.
Lake Region State College, Devils Lake, ND

Board Members present: Jay Slade, Dakota Prairie; Steve Halldorson, Devils Lake; Matt Bakke, Devils Lake; Kent Dennis, Fessenden/Bowdon; Rhandi Knutson, LRSE; Kevin Baumgarn, Lakota; Daren Christianson, Langdon Area; Jean Callahan, Minnewaukan; Robert Bubach, Munich; Donna Sorenson, NDSD; Jordan Brown, Oberon; and Amber Krapp, Pingree/Buchanan

Board Members not present: Dr. Frank Schill, Edmore; Jeff Olson, Four Winds; Robert Thom, Leeds/Maddock; Gil Black, Kensal; Dr. Doug Darling, LRSC; Ryan Baron, Midkota; Brad Nash, Mount Pleasant-Rolla; Dr. Jill Louters, New Rockford/Sheyenne; Jeff Hagler, North Star; Michelle Clouse, St. Joseph; Larry Volk, Starkweather; Jackie Thompson, Tate Topa; and Angela Brandt, Warwick.

Others present: Dan Driessen, LRSC; Sarah Crary, NDSU; Jennifer Carlson, NESCS Executive Director; and Erin Lacina, NESCS Director of Professional Learning and Operations

Welcome & Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Steve Halldorson, Governing Board President, at 12:30 p.m.

Review of Agenda

No changes were made to the agenda.

Board Minutes Approval

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Daren Christianson and seconded by Jean Callahan to approve the June 8, 2022, NESCS Joint Board Minutes on pages 3-8 of the board packet; motion carried.



Teacher Leadership Opportunities Discussion

Sarah Crary from NDSU was at the meeting to present information on the NDSU Teacher Leadership Program. They are looking to offer to educators in the NESC region. Please contact Ms. Crary if interested sarah.crary@ndsu.edu.

NOAA Weather Report

The National Weather Service/NOAA office in Grand Forks was unable to join the meeting.

Financial Report

Jennifer Carlson reviewed the current financial report on pages 9-10. The June 30, 2022 report was reviewed, as well as the November 9, 2022 report which included the updated 2022-2023 budget. Kent Dennis motioned to approve the financial report; Robert Bubach seconded; motion carried.

NESC Operations

NESC/DLPS Fiscal Operations Agreement

An updated agreement between NESC and DLPS for fiscal services on pages 11-12 was reviewed and discussed; cost for services is requested at \$70,000.00 per year. A motion was made to approve the agreement by Daren Johnson and seconded by Jean Callahan, motion carried. The NESC will explore options for the possibility of independent fiscal operations starting next fiscal year.

NESC Staffing Update

Instructional Coach

Dawn Johnson is working directly with teachers from Warwick and Minnewaukan schools. Her contract is covered by an agreement with the districts for days of service throughout the 2022-2023 school year. With the award of the NYCP grant, this will cover the fiscal side of the Minnewaukan agreement, with the work focusing specifically on the NYCP project goals.

School Improvement Specialist

Alyson Parsley is working with schools identified as receiving Targeted and Comprehensive Support from the ND Department of Public Instruction in the NESC region as well as another school from the NCEC REA. The work is focused with the leadership teams from each school.



Professional Learning Specialist

The NESCS will post this position opening to the statewide hiring listservs at the end of December. It will be funded 60% from the NDSS statewide grant and 40% from the NESCS and/or other projects.

NESCS Website Update

The revised NESCS website is currently under the final stages of updates with Tellwell out of Fargo. They will also be updating the ConnectEd site.

NESCS Cognia Engagement Review

The NESCS was scheduled for a review this fall of 2022, but it has been moved back to the 2024-2025 school year after changes were made with the ND review cycles.

NESCS Programs and Services Overview

A listing of NESCS services related to PD, school-based programs and direct student services is included on pages 13-14.

An overview of the 2021-2022 NDREA and NESCS Annual Impact reports is included in the packet on pages 15-19 and 20-24.

Grants/Professional Learning

US Department of Education Native Youth Community Project (NYCP)

The NESCS was recently notified of the grant award for a five-year project with the goals to increase college and career readiness for secondary students and increase awareness of and pathways to the teaching profession. The focus is on Minnewaukan High School with additional partnerships between the University of Jamestown as well as the Spirit Lake Tribe and Devils Lake Public Schools. Pages 25-26 include more information on the project.

NDREA – DPI High Impact Tutor Training Grant

Last fall, DPI offered a grant to the REAs for training of paraprofessionals and/or tutors statewide. The NESCS 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 NESCS - page 28 has more information), or in Safe and Civil Schools (SCS) PD, such as Assisting the Teacher workshops. 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. Information is on pages 27-34 of the board packet.

ND DPI Family Engagement Grant

The *Planning for School, Family and Community Partnerships* is a 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. Several cohorts are in progress this year, including two NESC member districts. The plan is for more PD cohorts to be available next year.

DPI NDSS Grant

The NESC, SEEC and CREA were awarded a collaborative 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 learning are in development with more to be available to schools during the 2022-23 school year. Grade K-12 proficiency scales for Science, Social Studies, and Health were developed by state workgroups in June.

NDSS Professional Learning

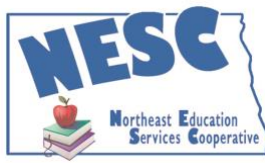
NDSS Professional Learning: There is a Marzano led workshop being planned for June 7-8, 2023 with the focus on using proficiency scales in the classroom. Prioritized Instructional Planning will also be available this Spring through the ND Education Learning Hub: <https://my.ndeducationalhub.org/login/index.php>. Registration will be open soon for each of those offerings.

NDSS Resources: A new ND Standards-Based Learning website is being developed to support the NDSS initiative and ND schools' implementation. It will be released soon. Currently, resources are housed at <http://www.ndrea.org/index.php?id=112>.

ND DPI Assessing to Inform Grant: This is a two-part webinar series available for free to all schools through a grant to the NESC. Supports are available for STAR, AIMSweb, FastBridge, NWEA, ACT, and Assessment Overview. Phase 1 focuses on Universal Screeners; Phase 2 focuses on Diagnostics. Recorded webinars and supplemental resources can be found here: <https://www.ndrea.org/index.php?id=138>. More information is on page 35 of the board packet.

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

Last year, REAs formed a state workgroup with DPI to develop professional learning to support the mandated trainings related to the Science of Reading legislation.



NESC LETRS

The LETRS Training Series will be held in Devils Lake starting January 2023 for the NESC; more information is available on page 36. Resources from NDREA are available here: <https://www.ndrea.org/index.php?id=139>.

NESC Professional Learning

2022-2023 Offerings

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.

ESPB NESC Beginning Teacher Grant

The NESC was awarded this grant again this year and is planning two cohorts for the winter/spring of 2023. More information will be sent to schools as soon as plans are finalized.

CHAMPS Trainings

This classroom behavior management program is something that has been requested from districts. The NESC is planning to offer this workshop sometime during the spring of 2023. More information is here:

https://www.safeandcivilschools.com/services/classroom_management.php

Support for Leadership Teams

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

NESC Regional Fall Inservice 2023

The NESC hosted a half-day, in-person workshop “The Energized to Thrive Summit” with Juan Bendana on August 16, 2022, which had positive reviews from attendees. The workshop provided separate AM and PM sessions to accommodate all educators from the NESC region. Those in attendance suggested this similar format for the August 2023 regional fall in-service.

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 37-38 of the board packet.



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 pages 45-48 of the board packet as well as on the NESC website: <http://www.nesc.k12.nd.us/graduate-credit-with-und-vesi/>

Lake Region Teacher Center Update

The LRTC met recently on October 17; a list of the board members is included on page 39. There are openings for representatives from Leeds, Oberon and Rolette districts. This group meets three times a year and the next meetings will be held on January 11 (Virtually) and April 26 (in person).

Student Activities

21st CCLC Grant

The new 3-year application for the NESC 21st CCLC Grant was approved in June 2022. We have two new sites joining our grant this year: Fessenden/Bowdon Elementary and Midkota High School (Glenfield). In total, the NESC has 20 sites for the next 3-year grant cycle.

Technology Learning Cooperative

The 2022-2023 full rotation is included in the board packet on page 42.

Scrubs Camp: The NESC was awarded the Scrubs Camp grant from UND Rural Health to host a two-day camp on March 30 & 31, 2023 at LRSC. To date, 411 fifth graders are slated to attend.

ITV: There is one high school ITV class being offered this year between NESC schools (DL and Starkweather). Langdon receives two classes outside of the NESC, and LRSC has one dual credit ITV class going to Edmore. Dan Driessen from LRSC reported that classes have nearly all moved over to online formats.

ConnectEd is available live each Tuesday at 3:45 p.m. 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 throughout 2022-23 with fiscal support from the ND Afterschool Network Million Girls Moonshot Grant and the ND Council on the Arts. NESC ConnectEd website: <https://sites.google.com/nescnd.org/nescconnected/home>.



Building Tomorrow's Leaders will be offered again this spring with a joint partnership from DPI and NDSU Extension. Registration information will be shared with schools as soon as it is available.

You're Hired! will be offered for multiple grade levels this spring. Registration information will be shared with schools as soon as it is available.

Other

ND Education Hub: Educators can find PD and Trainings offered statewide for free on this site. <https://my.ndeducationalhub.org/login/index.php>

Free HEPA Filters: Reminder that CREA has a grant available for free HEPA Filters; more information is on page 47.

Free School Nursing: Avera eCare: pages 48-50. This service is free for schools who have a student with diabetes and there is a new program being introduced by the CDC that will also provide this service for no cost.

A local Superintendent Finance Workshop is available. If any are interested, contact Jennifer Carlson.

2022-2023 NESC Calendar

Page 51 has an NESC calendar for 2022-2023.

Next NESC Board Meeting

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

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned 2:10 p.m.