

NESC Administrative Board Meeting

Thursday, June 8, 2022, 12:30 p.m.
Lake Region State College, Devils Lake, ND

Board Members present: Jay Slade, Dakota Prairie; Steve Halldorson, Devils Lake; Dr. Frank Schill, Edmore; Kent Dennis, Fessenden/Bowdon; Jeff Olson, Four Winds; Kevin Baumgarn, Lakota; Daren Christianson, Langdon Area; Jean Callahan, Minnewaukan; Robert Bubach, Munich; Jeff Hagler, North Star; Jackie Thompson, Tate Topa.

Board Members not present: Matt Bakke, Devils Lake; Robert Thom, Leeds/Maddock; Gil Black, Kensal; Dr. Doug Darling, LRSC; Rhandi Knutson, LRSE; Sara Bilden, Midkota; Brad Nash, Mount Pleasant-Rolla; Dr. Jill Louters, New Rockford/Sheyenne; Dr. Connie Hovendick, NDSD; Jordan Brown, Oberon; Robert Toso, Pingree/Buchanan; Michelle Clouse, St. Joseph; Larry Volk, Starkweather; and Angela Brandt, Warwick.

Others present: Andy Wakeford, LRSC; 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 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 Kent Dennis, and seconded by Jean Callahan to approve the February 9, 2022, NESC Joint Board Minutes and the May 12, 2022, Lead Administrator Board Minutes on pages 3-9 and 10-16 of the board packet; motion carried.

Financial Report

Jennifer Carlson reviewed the current financial report on pages 17-20. Items in the 2022-2023 budget will change depending on anticipated grant awards. Daren



Christianson motioned to approve the financial report; Jay Slade seconded; motion carried.

NESCS Operations

Governing Board President/Vice President Election (two-year term): A motion was made by Daren Christianson and Seconded to re-elect Steve Halldorson as Governing Board President and Daren Christianson as Governing Board Vice President. No other nominations were cast. A motion was made by Jay Slade to cast a unanimous ballot for nominees and seconded by Kent Dennis; motion carried.

NESCS Positions Open for 2022-2023

Professional Learning Specialist

The NESCS has posted this position to the statewide hiring listservs. Information on this position is included on pages 21-22.

Instructional Coach

During the process of hiring the new School Improvement Specialist (Alyson Parsley – see notes below under “School Improvement Specialist”), 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 NESCS Instructional Coach to support the teachers within some of these schools. We advertised and received an application for this position, and with administrators from Minnewaukan and Warwick included in an interview with the NESCS 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 conducted within the two schools named above. Also, if awarded, the NYCP Grant will fiscally support the coaching work happening at Minnewaukan School.

School Improvement Specialist

The NESCS 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 NESCS advertised for and hired Alyson Parsley, who served as Lakota Elementary Principal for the past several years, to serve as the School Improvement Specialist supporting NESCS TSI and CSI-identified schools. 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.

NESC Programs and Services Overview

A listing of NESC services related to PD, school-based programs and direct student services is included on pages 23-24.

Grants/Professional Learning

21st CCLC Grant

The new 3-year application for the NESC 21st CCLC Grant was submitted May 25, 2022. NESC staff members and 21st 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 21st CCLC 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 3-year grant cycle.

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 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 25-28 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 29-31 of the board packet.
- 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 NESCS 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

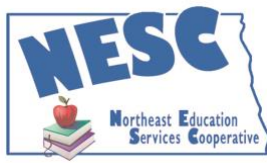
Discussion was held on the new law requiring grade K-3 teachers and administrators to be trained in the science of reading. REAs have formed a state workgroup with DPI to develop professional learning to support the mandated training. Pages 32-27 has information on support for this work including professional development plans, reporting, and how to prepare. Guidance from DPI is also included. The NESCS 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 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 38-39 of the board packet.

NDMTSS

NESCS staff have been involved with training for NDMTSS and are working with schools on various aspects of support. Several schools in the NESCS have started the MTSS process this year. Page 40 has information on the June 2022 NDMTSS conference; Erin Lacina 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, or Behavior). 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 sessions 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, back-to-school session for educators. Page 41-42 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 43-44 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 NESC is available to support school leadership teams through 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 pages 45-48 of the board packet.

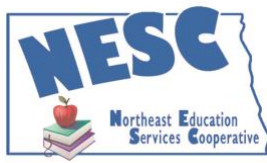
Student Activities

TLC

The 2021-2022 full rotation is included in the board packet on page 49. We are recently hosted 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 throughout 2022-23 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>.

We also are hosting summer sessions for ConnectEd, as well.

Other

2022-2023 NESCS Calendar

Page 50 has a draft NESCS calendar for 2022-2023.

Changes in Administrators for 2022-2023

Several changes in administrators are happening this summer including the retirement of Dr. Connie Hovendick from NDSD, long-time board member and former Governing Board President for the NESCS, thank you for your leadership to the NESCS, Dr. Hovendick! Other schools with changing administrators include Maddock, Midkota, Pingree/Buchanan and Rolette.

Next NESCS Board Meeting

The next NESCS Lead Administrator's Board Meeting is scheduled for August 10, if needed. The Joint Governing/Lead Administrators Board Meeting will be held on October 12, 2022, at 12:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned 1:30 p.m.