

NESC Joint Governing and Administrative Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 11, 2023, 12:30 p.m.
Lake Region State College, Devils Lake, ND

Board Members present: Sheri Olson, Devils Lake; Ned Clooten, Devils Lake; Dr. Frank Schill, Edmore; Kent Dennis, Fessenden/Bowdon; Jeff Olson, Four Winds; Jeff Manley, Leeds; Rhandi Knutson, LRSE; Ben Allmaras, Maddock; Dan Driessen, LRSC; Daren Christianson, Langdon Area; Ben Allmaras, Maddock; Jean Callahan, Minnewaukan; Robert Bubach, Munich; Aimee Zachrison, North Star; and Sarah Beck-Connot, Starkweather; Jackie Thompson, Tate Topa.

Board Members not present: Jay Slade, Dakota Prairie; Gil Black, Kensal; Dr. Kelly Peters, Lakota; Ryan Baron, Midkota; Dave Ambers, Minnewaukan; Brad Nash, Mount Pleasant-Rolla; Dr. Jill Louters, New Rockford/Sheyenne; Donna Sorensen, NDSD; Jordan Brown, Oberon; Amber Krapp, Pingree/Buchanan; Michelle Clouse, St. Joseph; Mary Langley, Warwick; 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 Daren Christianson, 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 June 7, 2023 minutes on pages 3-8 of the board packet was made by Kent Dennis and seconded by Rhandi Knutson; motion carried.



Financial Report

Jennifer Carlson reviewed the current financial report on pages 9-14. The NESCS 2022-2023 state financial report was reviewed; this is reported on the STARS website. The June 30, 2023 end-of-year financial report was reviewed, as well as the October 11, 2023 report. Jean Callahan motioned to approve the financial report; Ben Allmaras seconded; motion carried.

NESCS Operations

State Board of Education Audit

Jennifer Carlson and Erin Lacina provided a report to the ND State Board of Education on September 25, 2023, including the most recent audit report, an update on programs and services aligned with REA legislated service areas, and NESCS support aligned with the ND K-12 Education Council Strategic Vision Framework. A copy of the presentation is included in the board packet on pages 15-25.

NESCS Business Services

The NESCS has been exploring taking over business services to operate independently for the past several months. DLPS has offered to continue to work with the NESCS with payroll/HR and accounts payable and receivable, and provided an updated offer for their expenses on pages 26-28. A motion to approve the agreement was made by Frank Schill and seconded by Jean Callahan; motion carried.

NESCS/TLC – DLPS Tech Services

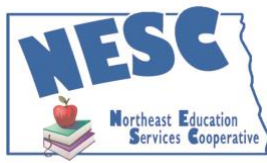
After the resignation of the NESCS/TLC Technology Specialist last spring, the NESCS was able to purchase time from the DLPS Technology Department staff for the rotation of the TLC modules. A copy of the agreement is on pages 29-34 of the board packet.

SLDS/STARS Access and NESCS Data Sharing Agreement

A new Data Sharing Agreement was sent out to districts recently. A copy of instructions is included on page 32 of the board packet. There are still a few districts that need to submit and reauthorize NESCS staff within their SLDS and STARS programs.

2022-2023 NESCS Annual Impact Report & NDREA Annual Impact Report

A copy of the NESCS and NDREA Annual Impact Reports are included in the board packet on pages 33-37 and 38-43. This is common data collected by the NESCS and other REAs statewide that is compiled annually.



Grants/Professional Learning

NDREA – DPI High Impact Tutor Training Grant

The NESCS and SEEC collaborate for this statewide project, which provides the option for schools to participate in The Master Teacher PD (online platform with 150+ courses; annual subscription paid directly by NESCS). This grant is provided through December 2024.

DPI NDSS Grant

The NESCS, SEEC and CREA hold a collaborative grant from DPI to support schools' implementation of the ND Content Standards. ND Standards-Based Learning frameworks, resources, and professional learning are available to schools during the 2023-2024 school year.

[NDSBL Website](#) (featuring ND Priority Standards and proficiency scales) is a resource that is available to districts. Updated ELA and Math resources available soon!

A NDSBL leadership series is going to be offered once per month during the 2023-24 school year; more information will be released soon.

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

2023-24 Science of Reading Professional Learning opportunities include:

Supporting Secondary Struggling Readers – page 44

Leading for Literacy Impact – This will be a Professional Learning opportunity for Principals offered in the Spring of 2024.

Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling K-12 (LETRS) – This virtual training will start in December 2023. Information is included on page 45 of the board packet.

Science of Math Professional Learning (NDREA grant proposal)

The REAs recently submitted a proposal to DPI to provide statewide professional learning focused on the Science of Math. More information will be released as soon as plans are finalized.

DPI Assessing to Inform Grant

The NESCS just completed the leadership of this statewide project (in partnership with CREA and SEEC) with the goal to analyze and apply data for improved student



outcomes. A handout on page 47 of the board packet outlines the archived resources available:

Archived AIMSweb, Renaissance STAR, FastBridge & NWEA Sessions/Resources:

[Phase 1 \(Universal Screeners\)](#)

[Phase 2 \(Diagnostics\)](#)

[Phase 3 \(Progress Monitoring\)](#)

[Archived ACT, PreACT and WorkKeys Sessions/Resources](#)

Family Engagement Grant

The NESCS led this initiative across the state through various partnerships. The grant provided training for schools to better utilize family engagement strategies. Here are some [Archived Resources](#) from the work out of this grant. See page 48 of the board packet for a handout.

Poverty Workshop (Dr. Bethanie Tucker) – February 2024

NESCS schools are invited to attend a Poverty Workshop with Dr. Bethanie Tucker in February 2024. Early Explorers Head Start is offering the workshop and would like to extend this opportunity to our regional districts. More information will be coming soon.

Culturally Responsive Practices professional learning (NDREA Grant Proposal)
REAs collaborated recently to provide a proposal to DPI that will utilize the work of Dr. Clayton Small bringing the teachings from “The Good Road” to multiple locations statewide.

Culturally Relevant Engineering Design professional learning (NESCS/UND grant proposal)

The NESCS is working in collaboration with UND on a second-phase NSF Grant to extend the work of Project ExCEED. The expanded work will bring in the NCEC REA from the Bottineau/Rugby area and possibly other NESCS schools and ND regions.

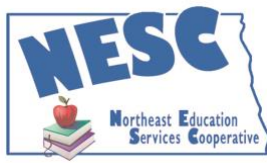
B-Hero Resources

The following mental health resources are available for schools:

Sources of Strength: Implementation & Sustainability Support – page 49

PREPaRE School Crisis Prevention & Intervention – page 50

QPR Training – page 51; Daren Christianson mentioned that NDSU Extension in Langdon has a QPR trainer that they have utilized.



CS for All: SCRIPT Program

This program, provided through EduTech, is a framework to guide teams of district administrators, school leaders, and educators through a series of collaborative visioning, self-assessment, and goal-setting exercises to create or expand upon a computer science education implementation plan for their students. Jackie Thompson has utilized this for Tate Topa, and it's been helpful for their implementation of CS in the school.

NESC Professional Learning

NESC Regional Fall Inservice 2023 Recap

Presenters were Jim Wichman / *Culturize – Every Student. Every Day* and Steve Rizzo / *Success and the Journey Towards the Goal*. Evaluations from both presenters were 90+% favorable. Discussion was held and most like the current half-day format. Suggestions were made for future presenters.

On-Site Professional Learning Opportunities

The NESC Programs and Services handout (separate from board packet) outlines the offerings available from the NESC for on-site PD.

ESPB TSS/ NESC Beginning Teacher Grant

The NESC will offer a Beginning Teacher professional learning series as we've done in previous years (beginning in January 2024) for first through third year teachers. This is supported through the ESPB TSS Grant.

ALICE Active Shooter Training

TrainND NE is offering ALICE Active Shooter training to NESC schools at a discounted price. Contact Erin Lacina for more information and to book dates for 2023-2024.

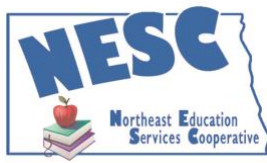
NESC Cafeteria Credit/UND VESi

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 is located on pages 37-38 and on the NESC website: <https://www.nesc.k12.nd.us/graduate-credit/>.

Student Activities

21st CCLC Grant

ND DPI recently provided the 2023-2024 Risk Assessment for the NESC 21st CCLC



Grant with 96% favorability, with the only area of concern being that the grant amount is above \$500,000 (the NESCS grant is \$1.092 million).

Technology Learning Cooperative

A [Padlet](#) for TLC is available as a resource for member schools, including embedded Padlets with information on all modules. There is also a “Help Desk” ticket that will be utilized for TLC teachers/schools to contact our office for support. The link is: <https://tinyurl.com/tlchelpsticket>.

Scrubs Camp

The NESCS was awarded the 2023-2024 Scrubs Camp grant for fifth graders. Dates reserved for the camp next year are April 4 & 5, 2024.

ITV

There have been multiple issues with ITV classes this year due to problems with the platform and equipment. A couple of schools still utilize ITV courses. Dan Driessen from LRSC stated that the university system is slowly dropping their classes, and UND and NDSU have completely stopped offering ITV and only use online classes.

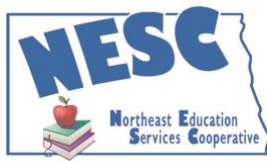
ConnectEd

A listing of offerings is included on pages 58-60 for the 2023-2024 school year. ConnectEd is live on Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. We have two partner grantors for this program, including the ND Afterschool Network and the ND Council on the Arts. Other partners this year include ND Game and Fish and the ND Historical Society.

ClassLink

North Dakota school districts have free access to software that allows students, teachers, and families to have simple, quick, and easy access to all their online classroom learning tools. [ClassLink](#) provides students a single access point for the school’s education software applications, file storage options, and their homework and grades by using a single user identification and password on any device, from a school desktop computer to a student’s smartphone app or tablet. There is also analytics available for schools to monitor usage of various programs and applications.

Other



ND Education Hub: Educators can find PD and Trainings offered statewide for free on this site: <https://my.ndeducationalhub.org/login/index.php> A listing of summer topics is included on page 50.

2023-2024 NESCS Calendar

Page 61 has the current calendar with dates noted for meetings and other important events.

Next NESCS Board Meeting

The Lead Administrators Board Meeting will be held if needed on November 8, 2023, at 12:30 p.m.

Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jean Callahan and seconded by Kent Dennis; motion carried. Meeting was adjourned 2:07 p.m.