

LEADERS COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, February 9, 2011
Minutes

Present: Marilyn Peterson, Joel Scherling, Betty VanDeventer, Margaret Worth, Mark Schultz, Carol Fichter, Russ Inbody, Mary Ann Losh, Gary Sherman, Scott Swisher, Roger Breed, Brian Halstead
Absent: Sharon Katt, Pat Roschewski, Freida Lange, Melody Hobson, Donlynn Rice

1. Updates *Roger Breed*

- Commissioner Breed announced that LB 333 was advanced by the Education Committee. This bill relates to the Department’s funding.
- Commissioner Breed shared a review of legislative bills that were discussed by the Board. This document will be placed on Inside NDE for anyone interested in following the bills.
- Commissioner Breed encouraged anyone with questions, concerns about legislation, to please ask questions and share thoughts.
- The State Board had a social breakfast with about 20 senators attending.

2. Board Follow-Up *Roger Breed*

Commissioner Breed reviewed issues and actions of the Board from the February meeting. These included:

- Personnel Rules will be placed on the April Agenda for approval by the Board
- Carol Fichter, Early Childhood, had a contract with Bright Futures approved
- The Board continues to review their policies
- Civics Nebraska Partnership will be continued until January 2013
- The Board requested a demo of the on-line writing assessment

3. Master Calendar *Marilyn Peterson*

Marilyn Peterson updated the Leadership Council on the process of the Master Calendar. The calendar is scheduled to be operating by June 2011. The business rules for the Master Calendar have been sent to the members of this group. Each team will need to designate one person to be the contributor. Send nominations to Marilyn and Lori Henkenius. Training for contributors will be in March or after the training for Dreamweaver is completed.

4. Adobe Connect *Roger Breed*

Commissioner Breed announced that the All Staff meeting will be broadcast via Adobe Connect today. This will allow for staff statewide to view and participate by a link on desktop computers.

5. Items For All Staff Meeting @ 1:00 p.m. *Roger Breed*

- Service Projects
- Reorganization
- LB 333
- Board Action on LBs
- Personnel Rules

6. Other

Marilyn Peterson announced the first research request within the Department. A Research Review Board will be established to approve research requests.

Mary Ann Losh provided a timeline for the development of a rule for the English Language Learner. She also described the year long process and the purpose of the rule would be to improve the educational outcomes for ELL students through standardization of the ELL definition, programs and services.