

MINUTES OF THE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Present: Scott Swisher, Gary Sherman, Mary Ann Losh, Diane Stuehmer, Mike Kozak, Russ Inbody, Melody Hobson, Margaret Worth, Sharon Katt, Freida Lange, Betty VanDeventer, Brian Halstead, Marilyn Peterson, Pat Roschewski, Roger Breed, Donlynn Rice

Absent: Mark Schultz, Joel Scherling

1. Proposed Management Plan from NCCC (North Central Comprehensive Center) - Scott Swisher

Dr. Swisher led a discussion about the proposed Management Plan from North Central Comprehensive Center (NCCC). Dr. Swisher is meeting with McREL to share concerns and questions about the plan.

2. Title I ESEA Reading Peer Review Response – Roger Breed

Commissioner Breed reviewed the letter from Michael Yudin regarding the compliance agreement and peer review of reading content standards and math content standards and assessment. A letter requesting technical assistance will be composed, shared, and sent.

3. Dependent Eligibility Audit – Joel Scherling

Joel Scherling was absent. A report will be given at the All Staff meeting.

4. CIP Toolkit Revision – Freida Lange

Freida Lange reminded LC to review the CIP Toolkit for updated information and link updating. Please complete your review by October 31. Freida will follow-up with Leadership Council members.

5. ESUCC Strategic Planning Session 10/24 – Freida Lange

Freida Lange reported that ESUs are looking for a team of people to attend and assist with the strategic planning session. An agenda for the meeting will be sent to Sharon Katt, Melody Hobson, Pat Roschewski, Marilyn Peterson, Donlynn Rice and Mike Kozak.

6. Early Childhood Learning Grant Application – Roger Breed - handout

Commissioner Breed shared the FAQ for the RTT-ELC grant. Grant is submitted in partnership with DHHS and Governor’s Office. Melody Hobson provided an update on the process of the application that will be given to the Governor for review.

7. SLDS Grant Application – Roger Breed

The Department will be making application for a State Longitudinal Data System (SLDS) grant application. Marilyn Peterson reported that we are competing in a smaller pool of applicants this round. The priority for the SLDS grant application will be K-12 data.

8. ESEA Waiver/Flexibility Process – Roger Breed - handout

Commissioner Breed shared slides from the USDE outlining the 4 principles improving student achievement and increasing the quality of instruction.

9. 2010-11 Attendance Data – Roger Breed – handout

Student attendance and NeSA Scale Scores information was shared.

10. NDE SSOS Project Updates

- Educator Effectiveness – Donlynn Rice. Finished public input, edit committee revisions, some changes made, more relationship building, restructured intro statement. Changes to be reviewed with the State Board with a goal of action by the Board at the November meeting.
- ELL Rule – Mary Ann Losh. Asking Board for approval in October to grant Commissioner authority to go forward with hearing draft; revising language about instructional program approaches and revisions to rule.
- State Accountability Plan – Pat Roschewski. 1) NePAS - Nebraska Performance Accountability System; 2) 3 options for policy weights of one model; and 3) looking for action by the State Board in December.
- Revision of Rule 84 – Freida Lange. ESU administrators sought clarification of reporting expectations; tweaking the appendices; then to legal for review. Review by the State Board at the November meeting.

12. Other

- Mary Ann Losh’s team received a special ed competition PBiS grant for \$4 million over 5 years. Working with technology. Online professional development.

- Gary Sherman reported on OSEP visit. Pending written report in 60-90 days. Left with the impression of doing ok.

11. Items for All Staff Meeting

- Dependent Eligibility Audit
- Federal Budget Update
- Early Childhood Grant
- SLDS Grant
- ESEA Waiver
- NePAS