

LEADERS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 8, 2013

Present: Brian Halstead, Joel Scherling, Dean Folkers, Freida Lange, Brent Gaswick, Sharon Katt, Diane Stuehmer, Melody Hobson, Mary Ann Losh, Gary Sherman, Scott Swisher, Roger Breed, Valorie Foy, Mark Schultz, Russ Inbody, Margaret Worth

1. Scott Swisher - NCCC – Comprehensive Center (McREL)

Nebraska and Regional Work Plans were provided to Leadership Council Members. There are four main projects: Nebraska Teacher and Principal Evaluation Models; Nebraska Data, Research, and Evaluation; Nebraska Equity and Diversity; and Nebraska English Language Learners (ELLs) Project.

Effective July 1, 2013, Nancy Becker will replace Jim Havelka on the work with Teacher/Principal Evaluation Models.

Charlotte Danielson and Bob Marzano are scheduled as speakers at Administrators' Days in Kearney in July.

2. Brian Halstead – Legislative Update

Attached is the latest update on the Status of Legislative Bills. Since that update LB 495 was moved to Select, LB 429 was moved to Final; and LB 438 (Adams) is likely to come out of committee.

The pace in Legislature has slowed as more time is spent in debate.

Appropriation Committee recommended Budget will be out before end of April; the Forecast Board meets April 25.

LB 262 (Data Sharing) requires NDE to create a rule. Conversation for this rule development will begin at the Data Conference.

If any staff is contacted by senators for information, please notify Brian Halstead.

3. Dean Folkers - Master Calendar (Due Dates, Forms, Data Managers, AM 706, etc.)

Deadlines are Deadlines (AM 706 – video available of Meeting held March 29)

As a follow up to the meeting on AM 706, updates and refinements to the Master Calendar process are underway. This will include adding information on Audit Windows as well as consider the interconnection to Forms review. An effort to connect Data

Coordinators with Data Managers to identify Due Dates, Audit Window close dates as well as other tools, analysis, or reports to support the audit window will be occurring over the next few months.

Looking to develop a proactive approach around Data Quality Assurance or Improvement versus the “hammer” approach regarding deadlines. This will include highlight the data change request process to ask for data changes after the audit window closes. The request process is managed through the portal under Data Collections.

4. Dean Folkers - NSSRS Executive and SOSR Committee
A subcommittee was organized to better fit SOSR development and will focus primarily on the technical features and review of the SOSR.
5. Dean Folkers – Emerging Administrative Memo 713 (Evaluation Process)
The DRE team with Marilyn Peterson will be working with a cross team group to finalize a draft of the Administrative Memo focused on establishing processes and clarity around evaluation. The timing is over the next couple of months and is a goal to complete before Marilyn’s contract is complete in June.
4. Dean Folkers – Data Requests (Clarifying and automating the process)
As Internal, external, and public requests for data are submitted to DRE, in an effort to track and develop a data base of the requests, please ensure Debe Dockhorn is included on all data or project requests. Tracking of projects and using the data to support future decisions on tools, reports, and processes will be used to inform automated approaches.
5. Roger Breed – April 23 Super Day
A reminder for the April 23 Super Day which will be held 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in LLA. The topic will be Vet’s Education/Private Postsecondary Career Schools presented by Brad Dirksen.
6. Betty VanDeventer – Getting the News Out About Nebraska Schools
Reminder to identify good news about schools throughout Nebraska including out-of-routine things.
7. Topics for All Staff Meeting – April 9, 2013
Master Calendar
Data Request
Commissioner Search Committee

NDE BRIDGE

NeSA Observations Update

April 23 Super Day

Common Core State Standards

Legislation

8. Mary Ann Losh – Connect-Inform-Advance

Report from Conference held in Omaha April 3-4 on Rural Education research. Event was hosted by Center for Rural Research Education, headed by Sue Sheridan (UNL). It is good for NDE to be aware of the research efforts as well as contributing topics for research.

9. Margaret Worth – Commissioner's Search

State Board is currently searching for a firm to conduct search for next Commissioner;

Frieda Lange – ESUCC-NDE Meeting

Reported on the meeting with ESUCC and NDE. The group established target goals for administrators to allow staff and focus on Blended, teacher principal evaluation, the use of data and SLDS.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.