

LEADERS COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, March 5, 2013

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

Also Present: Matt Eckhardt, Lori Henkenius

Dr. Breed announced his retirement from NDE effective June 30, 2013.

5. Sequestration – As a result of the federal sequestration, Dr. Breed asked that meetings utilizing federal funds should not include meals unless absolutely necessary, discretionary travel should be minimized, and meeting participation will likely be restricted. For questions or additional information on the sequestration, please see Brian Halstead.
1. Office Communicator Demo (Brent Gaswick, Matt Eckhardt, Lori Henkenius)
A demonstration of the Office Communicator features was given by Matt Eckhardt and Lori Henkenius. Use of the product will be considered.
2. New Administrator Training Videos (Brent Gaswick)
Brent Gaswick is planning to post a series of short videos on various NDE teams on the NDE website. The purpose of the videos is to identify what new administrators/new employees might need to know about NDE. These would be brief (less than 10 minutes), to the point, and provide follow up information. Nic Fargo and/or Betty VanDeventer are available to work with teams on the messages. Please contact Brent Gaswick for more information.
3. Super Day. Survey results on desired Super Day Topics were tallied. Attached is a tentative schedule of Super Days for 2013. Please plan to attend the next Super Day on April 23, 9-11:00 AM, Lower Level A.
4. Discussion of Assessment Reports and SOSR Calendar
A proposed timetable for the release of data was discussed. Discussions will begin regarding dates of release options. Please see Marilyn Peterson or Dean Folkers for details.
5. Getting the good news out about Nebraska schools
Betty VanDeventer asked that ALL STAFF be on the lookout for good things happening in Nebraska schools. Betty would like to have positive stories about what's happening in schools to post on the website.

6. Human Resources (Joel Scherling)
Josh Stafursky has replaced Paula Fankhauser as Wellness & Benefits Administrator, and Ruth Jones has replaced Mike McCrory as State Personnel Administrator. Another Dependent Eligibility Verification Audit will be conducted for employees hired or existing employees who made life status changes between March 1 and June 30, 2012. The deadline for submitting the required documentation for the audit is April 12, 2013. Onsite biometric screenings are now being scheduled online. Home kits and the doctor's form will not be available until April 1st. Training for new NDE supervisors is planned for the near future. Refresher training for the new appraisal system is also being scheduled.
8. ESUCC-NDE Meeting – April 4 (Freida Lange)
Freida Lange reminded everyone of the next joint meeting of NDE and the ESUs is set for April 4, 2013, at ESU 3. Please see Freida for details.
9. Title 1 Visit (Diane Stuehmer)
USDE will be monitoring Nebraska's Title I program during the week of April 15-19. It has not yet been determined if this will be an onsite monitoring or a desktop monitoring.
10. FFATA (Russ Inbody)
Russ reminded the Council that reporting grants over \$25,000 is still a federal requirement. See Russ Inbody and/or Ron Mowrey for assistance and questions.
11. Data Conference Presenters (Marilyn Peterson)
Data Conference scheduled for April 29-30 in Kearney. Conference Presenters from NDE are needed to complete the agenda for the meetings. See Marilyn Peterson and/or Dean Folkers.
7. Topics for the All Staff Meeting were collected.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.



Super Day Presentation Schedule – 2013

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Date	Topic	Presenter	Location
Wednesday February 20	Review of Board Goals for 2013	Roger Breed	State Board Room
Tuesday April 23	Veterans Ed/ Private Postsecondary Career Schools	Brad Dirksen	Lower Level A
Wednesday May 22	NePAS	Valorie Foy, Diane Stuehmer, Freida Lange, Roger Breed	Lower Level A
Wednesday June 19	Statewide Longitudinal Data System	Dean Folkers Marilyn Peterson	Lower Level A
Tuesday August 20	NeSA Testing/Next Generation Assessment	Valorie Foy	Lower Level A
Wednesday September 25	Douglas/Sarpy County Learning Community		TBD
Wednesday October 23	Career Technical Education		TBD