



NDCI Advisory Board Teleconference Call

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

1:00-2:00 PM



Participants: Susie Atkinson, Deb Follman, Steve Joyal, Nancy Murphy, Lois Myran, Dave Saxberg, Deb Syvertson, Anne Tweed, Justin Wageman

Minutes

TOPIC 1: Debrief NDCI Spring Meeting on Designing PLC's

Discussion Summary:

1. Comments from the group indicated that the two-day meeting went well. Strengths noted on the first day included the presenter's expertise, experience, and credibility. The presentation was rushed in the afternoon, and this was seen as an area for improvement. The multiple presenters and perspectives on the second day were seen as strengths. Participants returning to schools had good things to say about the event.
2. A suggestion was made to include a social component. Most people sat together and didn't venture outside their own group to network. Some ideas to increase interaction and networking were to have a longer break with a social activity for networking, structure lunch so participants sit by grade level or according to some other means, and include a social event in the evening after the first day.
3. As a follow-up to this event, it was suggested that two essential questions be explored: (1) How do you develop common assessments? (2) How do you plan instruction when students don't get it? The book, *Common Formative Assessments: How to Connect Standards-Based Instruction and Assessment* by Ainsworth and Viegut was also suggested as a good related book.

Decisions/assignments:

1. NDCI has made copies of the evaluations and sent them to both Solution Tree and NCCC. These copies will be analyzed by NDCI and the results will be shared at our next teleconference meeting.
2. We will build in social components at our next meeting.
3. At our next teleconference meeting, we will plan for all of our meetings for next year. These meetings may include a follow-up on the topic of common assessments.

TOPIC 2: RTI

Discussion Summary:

1. We have scheduled an NDCI meeting in August (August 1-2, 2007) with a focus on the topic of RTI. Anne has had conversations with others about this already, and she

announced that DPI has planned summer symposiums, of which RTI is one of the topics. (That information is attached to these minutes.) Also, it was mentioned that School House Educational Services is holding a workshop on RTI this week, May 3-4, 2007, at the University of Mary in Bismarck (flyer is attached to these minutes). A couple suggestions were to work with the JPA's and consider the secondary level for RTI. Anne mentioned that the National High School Center (<http://www.betterhighschools.org/>) is interested in coordinating and collaborating with North Dakota to select a pilot site to create a North Dakota model for RTI that is aligned to North Dakota standards. Our August meeting could be about what's known about RTI at the secondary level and how districts apply the tiered approach at the secondary level. In a year, the pilot results could be shared at an NDCI meeting. Still, it was suggested that NDCI should step back and look at all areas concerning RTI to get the foundation first. For example, our two days could be spent on the foundation of RTI, and a follow-up meeting the following year could include the secondary piece with NCCC and the High School Center.

Decisions/assignments:

1. A planning committee for the NDCI August (Fall) meeting was formed. This includes Deb Syvertson, Lois Myran, Anne Tweed, and Justin Wageman. An invitation will be extended to Jason Hornbacher (Bismarck elementary principal), Mike Ahmann (Bismarck special education coordinator), and John Porter (DPI Regional Coordinator for Special Education).
2. Anne and Justin will meet first to plan next steps for the RTI planning committee.

TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

1. Share data from PLC event
2. Schedule all NDCI meetings for next year

Next meeting date: Wednesday, June 6, 2007

Time: 1:00-3:00 p.m. CT

McREL's Conference Call System: 1-800-330-7428

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Attachments/comments:

NDDPI's summer symposiums

School House Educational Service RTI workshop at University of Mary, Bismarck

Please see DPI's resources on RTI: <http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/speced/personnel/index.shtm>

National High School Center: <http://www.betterhighschools.org/>