

NDCI Advisory Board Teleconference Call

Thursday, December 14, 2006

1:00-3:00 PM

Facilitated by:

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(North Central Comprehensive System – Director: Ceri Dean)

Present: Justin Wageman, Linda Paluck, Bob Grosz, David Saxberg, Deb Syvertson, Melanie Kathrein, Anne Tweed, Ceri Dean

Agenda:

Reviewed and approved minutes from November 9, 2006.

The following proposal was presented by Anne Tweed.

SHORT TERM PLAN:

1. **Social Studies Standards Review: (NCCC - NDCI – DPI supported)**

February 5: Jamestown Middle School

February 6: Dickinson Central Administration Offices – 444 4th St West:

February 7: Minot (arrangements to be made soon)

Standards Writing Team will be alerted and asked to participate.

DPI will be contacted for support funding (travel-subs). NDCI will more than likely be able to cover the remaining expenses.

A Memo coordinated through DPI, NDCI and area JPA's will be sent through mass email to principals, administrators, curriculum directors, and social studies teachers. DPI will approve those on the writing committee to attend and the NDCI is organizing payment of extra fees.

Revisions will be made within the next day or so and sent out to this committee.

Address and phone numbers for each site will be included.

A memorandum will be coming to each of our sites soon.

The SS standards will be on the website by the end of next week. (December 22, 2006) All participants should access the website and review the SS Standards prior to the Standard review.

ALL APPROVED so we will move forward on this.

2. **Professional Learning Communities: (April 12 & 13 – Bismarck) JPA focus.**

Provide clear information about HOW this can be utilized within each of the school districts. (Conclude in next conference call in January. A sample agenda will be provided.)

A suggestion was made to use the expertise within our state to put together a panel. Dr. Tom Meany "Learning by Doing" was invited to work with Fargo teachers. It was suggested that Principals and one or two key teachers in each of the buildings be part of the initial planning team. NCC could make arrangements for the meeting, put together the agenda, arrange for presenters

etc. Justin suggested a conversation with Marv Erhardt who may be able to assist. It is hoped to develop a shared understanding (network) throughout ND.

3. Monthly Conference Calls:

The team wishes to continue these informative monthly discussions. Each teleconference could focus around a topic and/or a general planning session for future state-wide PD activities.

4. RTI resources: More info to come later.

5. Differentiated Instruction: February 12, Seven Seas in Mandan:

This is open for any school districts who would like to participate. Graduate credit is available including materials. NDCI supported: Differentiated Instruction is supported through DPI. Tanna Kincaid from Bismarck is the fiscal agent. Marv Erhardt is an additional support resource. DPI has funding for Collegial Learning Groups.

North Dakota Collegial Learning Program has their own website: www.ndclp.org

Standards-Based Report Card: NCCC has contact with centers for information. Fargo is K-5 and will begin discussions into middle school. Jamestown and other districts are interested as well. This discussion will continue in January.

LONG TERM PLANS:

Make sure we are focusing on the long term goal which is to improve instruction across the state of North Dakota and building capacity. This could also be an opportunity for a ‘train the trainers’ model and online follow-up for implementation strategies.

1. Summer Secondary Literacy Writing Workshop:

Making sure this is throughout the curriculum:

Teaching Writing in the Content Area: (produced by ASCD and McRel.)

2. Secondary Mathematics Workshop:

Horizon research did an extensive study where several hundred classrooms were observed regarding effective lesson design. Findings: It didn’t matter what the materials were: Content, lesson design, Implementation and classroom climate were the key indicators of High Quality instruction.

The study can be accessed at www.horizon-research.com

Includes a power point.

Executive summary (highlights) and full report are available as well.

3. **K-12 Science Workshops:** Science support across the grade levels. Bismarck used AAAS which John Salwei will share with us in the future. Provide more in depth instruction (4-part) series. Summer of 2006-2007. Train the Trainers model. (Elementary and Secondary groups initially)
4. **Assessments: (Bob Marzano & Rick Stiggins):**
5. **Formative & Summative assessments**

NEXT TELECONFERENCE CALL:

January 12: 1:00 – 3:00

TOPIC: PLC

Social Studies update

Standards Based Report Cards

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