

## **NDCI Steering Committee Conference Call February 25, 2008**

Members Present: Marcia Armogost, Nancy Murphy, Justin Wageman, Lois Myron, Anne Tweed, Steve Joyal, Susie Atkinson, Anne Tweed, Linda Paluck, Melanie, Lisa MacNamara

Absent: John Salwei, Deb Fullman,

### **Discussion items.**

**1. Logistics of Dissemination of Information:** Nancy will send the Fargo Power Point to Lisa to distribute to the attendees using one of the three options. It can either be made available by request, or upload it on the NDCI website, or we can send out an email to the attendees.

### **2. Debrief of the Adolescent Literacy Conference.**

Comments: Cafeteria can be crazy if you are not aware of the procedure. Going from the hotel to the Capitol was difficult during the cold. Participants liked meeting in the Capitol building. The tickets worked well. Nancy suggested that the networking opportunities during lunch were limited by the table arrangements. Perhaps we need to have it catered. The Kelly Inn is currently scheduled for April. We need to start at 8:30 on the first day in order to set up. The group would like the Capitol for April.

#### **After Action Review Questions.**

1. What was supposed to happen? What were we trying to accomplish?
2. What did happen? What occurred or not? Why?
3. What was the difference?
4. What can we learn?

How do we blend presentations together? The sessions seemed to complement each other very nicely and all the presentations related to each other and built from one to another. It allowed the presenters to bridge on others presentations. Nice to have theory and practice. There was time for questions but there wasn't enough time for discussion. We could have people give feedback on PRS. Personal Response System. How do we engage all participants? We need to let principals know about this work and connect with leadership groups around this work. Did we have the right balance between presentation and discussion? This will always be a struggle and we will keep this in mind as we plan for the next session.

**3. Assessment Workshop:** Nancy was trained using Common Assessment book by Ainsworth and Vigot. Nancy would like to suggest a speaker that she experienced. They have been implementing this approach with there elementary and grade alike courses. They are out of the common assessment group. *Common Formative Assessments: How to connect standards based instruction and assessment.* Nancy started with the summative assessments as the first step. The beginning step is choosing the power standards. Nancy will get the name and provide it to us. Linda talked about District Administration article from Stiggins, as another resource.

**Assessment and Grading Conference to be held April 9-10.** Ken O'Connor has indicated availability to Justin. He is all about grading and reporting and works with Rick Stiggins on

assessment for learning. Make the learning goals clear. Haugland Room is tentatively reserved. Reeves group is also doing this work. *Fixing Broken Grades* is O'Connor's book which could be made available to participants. There are 15 fixes in his book. Justin scanned the agenda for the Portland conference on grading and will provide it to the group.

**4. Other Business:** If groups are trying to move to PLCs, learning how to put together common assessments based on essential learning in their courses is a key aspect of PLCs. Fargo identified 10-12 items for each semester that could then be tracked. It is key to determine the essential outcomes. Is the topic of Common Assessment the next steps to PLCs or should it be essential learnings in support of PLCs.

**Meetings: March 5<sup>th</sup> noon, CT, Assessment and Grading Planning committee**  
**March 12<sup>th</sup> 1 p.m. CT, NDCI Steering Committee**