



NDCI Steering Committee Teleconference Call
Thursday, September 17, 2009
2:00-3:00pm CST



Participants: Lois Myran, Anne Lundquist, Justin Wageman, Ava Lanes, Nancy Murphy, Bob Grosz, Susie Atkinson, Steve Joyal, Marcia Armogost, Lisa McNamara

Minutes

ITEM 1: Changing our focus in providing professional development

Discussion Summary:

1. Previous NDCI events have focused on a variety of topics. While this has served its purpose with creating awareness of the latest issues, it is time to provide professional development that meets several goals.
 - a. This new proposal will meet the goals of NDCI and NCCC to increase the capacity of DPI to build and sustain systemic support for school improvement, as well as measure impact.
 - b. This new proposal will meet the standards for professional development, in particular those of the National Staff Development Council.
2. The new initiative was proposed to the NDCI Steering Committee. Please see the attachments to these minutes for what was presented, explained, and discussed.
3. Questions and Answers regarding the proposal. Consultant Ava Lanes joined us on the conference call to answer any questions.
 - a. Q: Who will provide the PD? A: We need a core group to lead the sessions for consistency over time. We have been in discussions with Ava Lanes and Peg Portscheller to provide the professional development.
 - b. Q: Why are certain terms in the proposal (e.g., Grade-level Expectation) different than what we use in ND? A: We will make changes to the vocabulary in the ensure consistency with vocabulary used in ND.
 - c. Q: Can we catalog or capture the examples or resources that are created as a result of this initiative so we don't reinvent the wheel? A: Yes, we have a structure in place already on our NDCI website (viz., the NDCI Lesson Bank) that can be tweaked and revised to meet our needs. We can use it to house the products for all to access.
 - d. Q: Who would attend? A: We strongly encourage a leadership team that consists of building principals, district personnel and teacher leaders. Please note that our sessions would be open to individuals, however.
 - e. Q: Where will the sessions be held? Can we hold regional sessions? A: Sessions will be held in locations that are central in order to maximize our funding. We are considering Bismarck as the location for the first sessions, with possible regional locations for the follow-up sessions. Much depends on needs and who the participants are.
 - f. Q: Is the funding for this initiative new or old money? A: This is a new grant. While the plan for this new initiative looks at three years, the NDCI is currently funded on an annual basis.

ITEM 2: Feedback and consensus

Discussion Summary:

1. Those participating in the call expressed interest and enthusiasm for the proposal. More feedback included changing the title of the proposal in order to avoid confusion with similar titles used in ND school improvement models, adding a train-the-trainer or coaching piece for follow-up and on-demand help, using technology (e.g., IVN) to provide the professional development, and solicit the assistance of a Content Center researcher to help in the design of the program evaluation to determine more than just process.
2. There was consensus among those participating in the call that this proposal should move forward. Those Steering Committee members expressed interest in participating in this initiative. Next steps will be to write a draft to present to DPI (the funding source).
3. Steering Committee members who were not able to participate in the call are asked for their feedback. Comments and questions are welcome at any time. Please contact Justin Wageman (justin.wageman@ndsu.edu, 701-231-7108) or Lois Myran (Lmyran@nd.gov, 701-328-2629) with feedback.

ITEM 3: Dates for the sessions

Discussion Summary:

1. After several minutes of discussion, it was decided to consult the calendars of the public schools, DPI, professional organizations, and consultants to find the best times to begin offering the sessions.

ITEM 4: Future NDCI Steering Committee meeting dates

Discussion Summary:

1. Several meeting dates were established for the NDCI Steering Committee.

Date: October 5, 2009

Time: 2:00pm CST

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

Code: 6325525#

Date: October 20, 2009

Time: 2:00pm CST

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

Code: 6325525#

Date: November 19, 2009

Time: 2:00pm CST

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

Code: 6325525#