

**NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
STATEWIDE COUNCIL FOR THE
COORDINATION OF THE REGIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS
APRIL 7, 2017
10:00 A.M.**

Meeting Locations:

The meeting will be video conferenced from both locations.

Office	Address	City	Meeting Room
Department of Education	9890 S. Maryland Pkwy	Las Vegas	Board Room (2 nd Floor)
Department of Education	700 E. Fifth St	Carson City	Board Room

MINUTES

1. Call to Order; Roll Call: Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order at 10:24 AM.

Roll Call:

Member:

Las Vegas:

- Lou DeSalvio
- Brent Husson

Carson:

- Jeff Zander
- Nicolette Smith
- Aaron Grossman

Public:

Las Vegas:

- Cynthia Santos-Cook

Carson:

- Sarah Negrete
- Kirsten Gleissner
- Chelli Smith

2. Public Comment #1

No public comment in Carson.

No public comment in Las Vegas.

3. Flexible Agenda Approval *(Discussion/For Possible Action)*

- Member DeSalvio motioned to approve a flexible agenda.
- Member Smith seconded the motion.
- All in favor
- **Motion carried at 10:25AM**

4. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes for February 15, 2016 *(Information/Discussion/Possible Action)*

- Member DeSalvio motioned to approve the February 15th meeting minutes.
- Member Smith seconded the motion.
- All in favor
- **Motion carried at 10:25 AM**

5. Nevada Department of Education Updates *(Information/Discussion)*

- Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)
 - Nevada is one of 18 states that submitted their ESSA plan by the first deadline, April 3rd instead of the September deadline. The governor signed off on the Department's plan after meeting with Superintendent Canavero, and it has been submitted for U.S. Department of Education approval. If anyone is interested, they are encouraged to go online and take a look at the final plan. It is located on NDE website. The process requires part of the plan to be subject to a peer review. Different stakeholder groups from across the country have applied to participate in that process. We hope to get approval within 120 days according to federal statute. Chair Zander asked about any ESSA initiatives that require PGP participation and Professional Development from staff, and to Dena's knowledge, there is nothing new proposed to the ESSA plan.
- 2017 Legislative Updates
 - On April 17 the K-12 finance committee has tentative budget hearing for accounts 2717, 2718, and 2612. The budget for RPDP work is 2718, which includes all three RPDP council budgets, the \$100,000 administration budget, as well as the Great Teaching and Leading Fund (GTLF). April 21st is the First Committee House Passage deadline; any bills that don't make it out of the Assembly Committee or the Senate Committee where they were originated, do not move forward. The only caveat is any bill that requires funding, as they will move forward on a different timeline. The Department has put forward several of the RPDP's bills; some are based on the governors workforce initiatives. The governor originally asked for the RPDPs to submit a Flat Budget; which has moved through. There are no proposed funding increases at this time, so it would be flat and funded just the same as it was in the previous biennium. The council also understands that the GTLF will still be funded at the same \$4.8 million that it was funded in the past.

6. Parental Involvement and Family Engagement:

According NRS 391A, "In cooperation with the Office of Parental Involvement and Family Engagement, the RPDPs shall establish a statewide program for teachers and administrators concerning effective parental involvement." When looking at the work the RPDP has done, they have asked Cynthia Santos-Cook to provide an update of the requirements and what current practices exist within the state.

Questions were as follows:

Member Smith asked is an issue with alignment? Cynthia stated they are not having the conversations. Member Husson asked if it's the Council's role to direct the RPDPs on how to engage with that office. Chair Zander answered that the Council's role to oversee the function of RPDPs and ensure its structure includes compliance with statutes and mandates as determined by the Department of Education or NRS. This specific initiative has been a work in progress for a number of years. RPDPs have provided training to a certain extent, but with the evolution of the Office of Parental Involvement and Family Engagement (PIFE), the Council needs to engage in conversations and align training with PIFE training. Dena commented that this is a new piece to be evaluated on, and Cynthia collected 2015-2016 evaluation data, so they were also able to pull the data reflecting the average points for each standard. To Cynthia's point, the RPDP does train on the NEPF, but fully aligning to a system or program would be great next steps. Member Husson acknowledged that Cynthia's presentation says that the Council is to establish a statewide program. He questioned if Cynthia was asking for the council to direct the RPDPs to work with her, or is she not getting cooperation at this point. Cynthia clarified that that they haven't had the conversations yet, and if the Council can help push the conversations forward it, would be great next steps for establishing a timeline for presentations. Chair Zander thinks it's important that the RPDP has training available on parental involvement for all staff, but districts have different initiatives in regards to when and what training is actually taking place.

7. Regional Professional Development Program (RPDP) Presentations (*Information/Discussion/Possible Action*)

Sarah Negrete of NERPDP, Kirsten Gleissner of NWRPDP, and Chelli Smith of SNRPDP presented a PowerPoint titled ***Time (Collaboration), End Product***

Motion

- Member Husson motioned to have the Council, RPDPs, and Office of Family Engagement meet in Las Vegas to prepare for and present at the next Council meeting.

- Member Desalvio seconded the motion

Nicolette asked, since we are approaching the end of budget cycle can the council logistically afford for everyone to fly to Las Vegas. Sarah responded that so long as Sarah Kirsten and Cynthia can come together between now and May 3rd, the council may not have to come together in Las Vegas

- All in favor

- **Motion carried at 11:22 AM.**

9: One of the questions at the last statewide council meeting was how teachers and administrators know what is available from the RPDPs. They provide services upon request. There is a slightly different process for each of the RPDPs. Sometimes the principals or superintendents or assistant supers directly email trainers. Sometimes services are required to be requested online via the RPDP website for tracking purposes. Another route of requesting services happens when RPDPs participate in school performance plan reviews and curriculum meetings. If they identify particular areas in which they can be helpful, they request their services on behalf of the school. When they are offering a class for credit, they send fliers and emails as a means of broadcasting the available services to the district. They also use social media outlets such as Facebook and Twitter to publicize available resources. Lastly, she mentioned that they have staff that attends the PIFE advisory council meetings that relays information from those meetings to the RPDPs and provides the information to the districts and their assigned schools. They also have staff that attends the PIFE summits particularly to ensure they have an understanding of family engagement standards. Member Grossman asked who is allowed to make the requests for services. Sarah answered that services should be requested through administrators.

8. Long-Range Planning/Council Work Group (Information/Discussion/Possible Action)

Dena asked if they could merge this item with the next meeting group dates. They have already discussed information on next two meeting dates. Just to confirm, the next meeting date is May 3rd and then based on doodle poll results, it was determined that the next meeting after May would be August 15th. Based on the Council's conversation, they will continue the conversation about family engagement standards. There was a conversation around budgets, but if there are any amendments or proposed amendments it might be something they want to share since statute says that there has to be formal work programs filed if groups are moving between categories, but if there is flexibility between general ledger items There were questions from LCB around administrative training funds. They may want to revisit that on the agenda just to formalize to the public how those funds were used if the funds are spent in totality by May 3rd. If not, it can be put on the August 15th agenda. They may also include how they anticipate spending future funds. There were several conversations when the groups presented their annual report around the surveys and things that would be utilized. As part of a long-term goal for this group, the RPDPs would appreciate some feedback from the council regarding the surveys administered, the impact of training, and the national conversation around the current administration. President Trump publicized his proposed education budget for federal money. There is conversation around the lack of proof supporting the return on investment over the last ten years on how states and districts are utilizing Title IIA Professional Development funds. The budget proposal has yet to be approved by congress, but this was the conversation of the Profession Development Task Force [and/or] the SB474 group that Chair Zander was on about continuously reviewing the impact of federal training dollars and also state training dollars. She noted a conversation from the last meeting around a five-year-plan. At the next meeting the council will review and recommend revisions to the five year plan by governing bodies. How the council chooses to divide the items between the next two meetings is up to the council. Chair Zander thinks they should discuss the training funds at the August 15th meeting. The survey and five year plan conversations can be tended to in the May meeting at tending to them is an important function of the council. He likes Nicholette's idea of providing training resources to teachers via an Outlook document or something of the sort.

9. Future Meeting Dates and Agenda Items (Information/Discussion) Jeff Zander, Chair

Dena Durish spoke to agenda item 9 in agenda item 8. The next meeting is scheduled for May 3rd and the following meeting will be held on August 15th. Chair Zander asked Dena Durish if next year's budgets have to be approved during the May 3rd meeting. She confirmed that they do. She knows that the biennium budgets were approved, but she will coordinate with other directors and look through old notes and if that is the timeline, they will definitely add it to the agenda.

10. Public Comment #2
No public comment

11. Adjournment

- **Motion**
- Member Husson motioned to adjourn the meeting
- Member Smith seconded the motion
- All in favor
- **Meeting adjourned at 11:36 AM**