

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
STATEWIDE COUNCIL FOR THE COORDINATION OF THE
REGIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS

DECEMBER 3, 2019

10:00 A.M.

Meeting Locations:

The meeting was video conferenced from both locations

Office	Address	City	Meeting Room
Department of Education	2080 E. Flamingo Rd	Las, Vegas	Boardroom (1 st Floor)
Department of Education	700 E. Fifth St	Carson City	Boardroom

DRAFT SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

DEPARTMENT STAFF PRESENT:

KellyLynn Charles
Arina Kazemi

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Las Vegas:

Wendi Hawk
Brent Husson
Adam Young

Carson City:

Wayne Workman
Aaron Grossman

Phone:

Pam Teel

Senior Deputy Attorney General:

David Gardner

AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE:

Las Vegas:

Marjorie Conner
Chelli Smith
Sarah Negrete

Carson City:

Sara Cunningham

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

Adam Young; Council Chairperson
Meeting called to order at 10:05 AM

2. Public Comment #1

No public comment in Las Vegas or Carson City

3. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes for October 1, 2019 (Information/Discussion/Possible Action)

Adam Young; Council Chairperson

Member Workman moved to approve the previous minutes. Member Grossman seconded. Motion carried.

4. FY20 Budget Amendments (Information/Discussion/Possible Action)

No budget amendments were presented for approval.

5. Presentation and Update on the NASA Leadership Institute (Information/Discussion/Possible Action)

Dr. Marjorie Conner, MMC Consulting, Inc., Nevada provided updates on the progress of NASA's Center for Educational Excellence (CEE):

- 1. To date, 50 participants have enrolled. Most are from Clark, with one participant each from White Pine, Churchill, and Humboldt, and two each from Lander and Washoe. Registration is still open and an estimated additional 10 should enroll. If those 10 actually participate, the numbers will be very similar to last year.*
- 2. Current enrollment includes: 10 Principals, 19 Assistant Principals, 4 Directors/Deans, 6 Counselors/Facilitators, and 11 Teachers. All applicants have been approved to attend.*
- 3. The first session will be January 16-18, 2020 at the Orleans in Las Vegas. Also, by Council suggestion, the Center for Excellence will be scheduled as Thursday, Friday, and Saturday sessions. The first day is Thursday starting at 2 PM and running until 6 PM. Friday and Saturday will be 8 AM to 4 PM.*
- 4. Days 1 and 2 (Thursday and Friday) will be facilitated by SEAD, Social/Emotional Learning Specialists. In the light of the state's new requirements for mental health in the schools, NASA is pleased to begin professional development in this field. On a side note, NASA is also offering a workshop on "Addressing Your Mental Health in Schools and Your Community" on January 25, 2020.*

Dr. Conner stated working with Silvana Gorton has been a gift! Mrs. Gorton is thoughtful and has a real passion for the work. Dr. Conner asked her to give the council some additional information about SEL training.

KellyLynn Charles, NDE Education Programs Professional for Office of Educator Development and Support provided Ms. Gorton's report: "The Office for Safe and Respectful Learning Environment and the Office of Educator Development and Support are thrilled to be planning the opening session the of 2020 NASA Center for Educational Excellence Leadership Institute in January and Collaborative Cross Office Efforts NDE is committed to variety and valuable professional learning experience that will inform and inspire and engage Educational Leaders across the state on the importance of integrating and implementing SEAD learning behaviors and skills into the culture of schools through Multi-Tiered Systems of Support Framework. We know that many students today, as well as adults have faced experiences and traumas that impact their ability to find success in school. The result is that there is a need for SEAD in our schools. Social Emotional learning skills, when integrated fully into a school culture and taught with fidelity has shown to improve academic achievement, student behavior, attendance, and overall student and staff morale. The 1½-day training goals are to understand the value and benefits of the integration and implementation of Social, Emotional, and Academic Development, learn and practice strategies for integration and explicit teaching of SEAD through a Multi-Tiered System of Support, and foster peer consultation opportunities for school leaders to work together and learn from each other. The specific vision for the 1½-day training are inspirational opening and closing keynotes, a rationale for SEAD and MTSS with explicit correlation to current initiatives, vocational self-reflection, a World Café experience, case model practices, and integration implementation action planning. NDE hopes to maximize this opportunity to connect school leaders and provide tools to integrate and explicitly teach SEAD through an MTSS framework, so that it, as well as related initiatives can be implemented with fidelity and to establish an ongoing partnership in the work of changing the world for the better."

Dr. Connor continued:

- 1. Day 3 (Saturday) will be facilitated by Dr. Jim Hager, who will administer the Gregoric Style Delineator and provide an overview of the next six days; Dr. Jonathan Raymond, an author on educating the whole child will continue the SEAD theme; Dr. Marjorie Conner will present a session on trust and conversations and explain general housekeeping information.*
- 2. The second session will be February 6-8, 2020, with the same hours. This session will be facilitated by Dr. Jim Hager and Dr. Pete Gorman and will begin the in-depth look at Leading to Scale. VegasPBS will attend to give participants information on enrolling in the PBS course and how to be reimbursed.*
- 3. The final session will be June 17-19, 2020, in Reno. NASA would like to revisit the location approval. They understand that the reason for two locations is to equalize the travel burden on participants and to use funds efficiently. However, this session there are only 10 participants from the north. It would be more cost effective to bring 10 people south, than to bring 50 people north.*
- 4. Dr. Conner asked for Council approval to expend any unexpended monies after the CEE concludes. Some suggestions from NASA included increasing the reimbursements for those travelling from outside of Clark, paying for everyone's \$75 VegasPBS course fee, or using any funds available to defray the cost of the state requested workshop on the NEPF/NSPF. Dr. Conner suggested holding two NEPF/NSPF workshops- one in Clark and one in Washoe and using some RPDP Administrative funds to pay the facilitators lodging and travel.*

Member Hawk asked about the dates of the separate mental health training NASA is putting on in January. Dr. Conner answered, January 25, 2020.

Member Hawk also wondered if it was the intent of doing the June CEE to coincide with NASA conference in Lake Tahoe.

Dr. Conner answered yes, it would be the NASA conference in Lake Tahoe on that week (Monday -Tuesday) and the CEE would be Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. She talked with Dr. Geihs and said two locations would have people being away from home for a long time; what would preclude them going up to conference and then coming back to sleep in their own bed for the CEE. Dr. Geihs said if NASA did that perhaps, the Council would entertain the idea of offering CEE participants participation in the NASA conference at the reduced rate if funds are available after the final CEE so CEE participants could still participate. NASA had second thoughts about combining the two conferences this year, as participants would be away from home for so long and the expense to transport 40-45 people north as opposed to transporting 10 or 12 south.

Member Husson asked if Dr. Conner could give a rough estimate of the dollar amount that she was talking about.

Dr. Conner answered they were looking at \$400 per person for reimbursement. She explained it would be \$400 per person for 45 people as opposed to \$400 per person for 10 people. It gives NASA a lot of funding to do some other things. She then explained that the Orleans worked with them and gave a decent price for the venue. NASA has looked at the possibility of venues other than a casino, but it's the inconvenience because participants end up spending money on rental cars, taking Ubers, and other expenses. It would be the difference between the 40-45 people at \$400 versus 10-12 people. NASA also might be able to offer a reduced rate for the conference. Another idea would be to increase the amount that RPDP pays participants for their reimbursement. She then asked the Council what they were thinking about that and their thoughts about having it in Reno or in Las Vegas.

Member Husson stated whatever makes sense to NASA should be done. If NASA gets the same participation and can save money then that makes sense to him.

Chair Young asked if there were any opinions in Carson City.

Member Workman explained taking away the 10 participants leaves 35 x \$400; that's \$14,000 that he'd rather see spent on some type of PD or something else besides travel. Given the numbers of participants, he understands why the question; it makes sense to do it in South.

Member Hawk agreed with Member Workman and stated saving money is very important, but she also wants to consider promoting this within small northern counties, so she appreciates Member Workman who represents those counties. Member Hawk asked Chair Young what he was thinking regarding the small counties and the optics of being in the south.

Chair Young answered the logistics of and the cost of the travel certainly makes sense as far as hosting it here in the South. For the person who would participate from his district, it is travel expenses regardless. It makes sense to repurpose that money like Member Workman spoke of and be able to have that for the greater good.

Dr. Conner explained the state asked them to do NEPF and NSPF trainings- specifically about what people might want to hear in terms of both the Nevada report card, as well as the NEPF in terms of guiding teachers to better performance, etc. She then added she has a memo ready to send out to all of the Superintendents to ask them what kind of topics they might like to see and if they have anybody they want to recommend as a facilitator to try to draw some support from some other counties. She stated they could easily offer that workshop in both places to see what they could do about bringing some of NASA's trainings closer to the people.

Chair Young stated the consensus was for NASA to carry forth with the second CEE being held in the south. He added as feedback from Superintendents, thinking of the NEPF and the NSPF, the RPDPs themselves have provided and continue to provide everything that he felt they need on the NEPF. He felt there would be a lot more to benefit his principals with some additional work in just "getting down and dirty" with the NSPF versus the NEPF.

Dr. Conner agreed with Chair Young. She stated that she's been involved with the RPDP training with the NEPF for years and they do an amazing job. It is just fantastic. It's multilevel. Dr. Connor's thoughts would be the same- that NASA spend more time digging in and diving into the NSPF and hopefully people really understand looking at that data and making decisions around that. So that would be NASA's thought as well.

Chair Young asked if there was any further discussion on agenda item Number 5.

Member Teel stated her agreement with Chair Young regarding the NEPF and NSPF.

Chair Young thanked Dr. Connor and moved to agenda item Number 6.

6. Future Meeting Schedule (Information/Discussion/Possible Action)

KellyLynn Charles, NDE Education Programs Professional for Office of Educator Development & Support

KellyLynn Charles shared the 2020 Meeting Survey Results to discuss the selection of 2020 meeting dates. The survey results lacked sufficient dates with quorum to meet the four meeting per year requirement as stated in NRS391A.135. Ms. Charles opened the floor to Member discussion to finalize meeting dates. After discussion regarding budget deadlines, budget enhancement deadlines, NASS meetings, and Member schedules, the 2020 meeting schedule was determined to be as follows:

Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 10 AM
Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 10 AM
Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 10 AM
Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 1 PM

All meetings are scheduled and will be set for videoconferencing between Las Vegas in Carson City.

Member Hawk moved to approve the 2020 Council Meeting Schedule. Member Teel seconded. Motion carried.

7. Nevada Department of Education Updates (Information/Discussion)

KellyLynn Charles, NDE Education Programs Professional for Office of Educator Development & Support

KellyLynn Charles shared that in October of this year, the Department asked each of RPDP's to submit NEPF data for the last 3 years and this data includes the names of Administrators that had attended NEPF training by Districts, and the topics of the training attended which included, but was not limited to: student learning goals, Instructional Practice Standards, Instructional Leadership Standards, and learning walks. This data would be used to help start the conversation with districts regarding the numbers of administrators that received Professional Learning that supports the implementation of the NEPF. The hope is to build collaborative efforts to improve NEPF implementations across the state.

KellyLynn Charles provided information that will be coming out in the NDE updates and on the NDE Social Media; Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter page regarding the US Department of Education's School Ambassador Fellowship Program. The US Department of Education is designed a School Ambassador Fellowship Program to enable outstanding teachers, principals and other school leaders like school counselors, Librarians, and others to bring their school and classroom expertise to the Department of Education and to expand their knowledge of the national dialogue about education. The School Ambassador Fellowship is designed to improve education for students by involving educators in the development and implementation of the National Education Policy. Throughout their fellowship year, Ambassadors will collaborate as a team with alumni fellows to learn about Federal Education Policy, they will reach out to the teachers and schools in the field, and they will reflect with US ED staff on the knowledge gained. The deadline for the 2020-2021 cohort is 5 PM Eastern Standard Time, December 31 of this year. Teachers, principals, counselors, Librarians, and all other key school staff members are encouraged to apply. You can find more information on the US Department of Education Webpage and the link will also be on Social Media and the Department Update.

Chair Young thanked KellyLynn Charles and asked if there were any questions for Department of Education Staff from the members.

No questions and moved to the Agenda number 7 at 10:43 AM

8. Future Agenda Items (Information/Discussion)

Chair Young suggested having Dr. Conner or Dr. Geihs give an update regarding how the January and February CEE sessions went with the NASA Leadership.

9. Public Comment #2

No public comment in Las Vegas or Carson City

10. Adjournment

Member Hawk made a motion to adjourn. Member Teel seconded. Motion carried.
Member Young adjourned the meeting at 10:49 AM