

STATEWIDE COUNCIL FOR THE COORDINATION OF THE REGIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2024
12:00 P.M.

Office	Address	City	Meeting
Department of Education	2080 E. Flamingo Rd.	Las Vegas	BristleCone Board Room
Department of Education	700 E. Fifth St.	Carson City	Board Room
Department of Education	Virtual/Livestream	N/A	Virtual Livestream Link

SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE MEETING

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

1. Joe Girdner (via videoconference)
2. Denise Trakas (via videoconference)
3. Erin Phillips (via videoconference)
4. Pam Teel (via videoconference)
5. Jennifer Black (via phone)

DEPARTMENT STAFF PRESENT

In Las Vegas

1. Daisy Marglin
2. Cindi Chang, Director

In Carson City

1. Dr. Heather Crawford-Ferre
2. Amanda Hughes
3. Deputy Ann Marie Dickson (via videoconference)

AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE (via videoconference)

1. Annie Hicks (Director NNRPDP)
2. Dr. Greta Peay (NASA)
3. Brian Myli
4. Brenda Cassat (LION)

1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m. by Dr Heather Crawford-Ferre. Quorum was established. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by NNRPDP Director Annie Hicks.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT #1

There was no in-person public comment Carson City or Las Vegas and no public comment via email.

3. APPROVAL OF FLEXIBLE AGENDA, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING

Dr. Heather Crawford-Ferre ask if there was a motion to approve the flexible agenda.

Member Black made a motion to approve the flexible agenda. Member Girdner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. INFORMATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FY24 OR FY25 BUDGET AMENDMENTS PURSUANT TO NRS 391A.130

Director Annie Hicks (NNRPDP) presented two budget items to the Statewide Council. The first was a budget amendment for FY24 to finalize the fiscal year with adjustments in salaries within the 100s category due to recent negotiations and raises established by the Fiscal Agent. The second budget item was for FY25, which included a significant change: a new staff member was hired, but they were coming out of retirement and would be paid as an LLC. Therefore, their salary would be allocated to the 300s category instead of the 100s.

Member Teel moved to approve the budget amendments. Member Girdner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

5. INFORMATION, AND DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 28, 2024, MEETING MINUTES

Dr. Heather Crawford-Ferre ask if there was a motion to approve the March 28, 2024, minutes.

Member Teel made a motion to approve. Jennifer Black seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

6. INFORMATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE SELECTION OF A CHAIR

Member Teel nominated CJ Anderson, who had consented to the nomination but was not present at the meeting. Heather Crawford mentioned that CJ Anderson was not yet appointed to the committee, which was a requirement before he could be considered for chair.

Annie Hicks clarified that the NNRPDP governing board needed to nominate, vote on, and approve CJ Anderson's appointment before he could be considered for the chair position. This process had not yet been completed.

Member Phillips asked about the process for getting someone appointed to the committee, to which Heather Crawford explained that it was handled by the governing board of the Northeast RPDP, and each seat had its own appointment criteria.

Member Teel suggested waiting until the next meeting, when a larger body of members would be present, to select the chair. The suggestion was to table the decision. Member Black seconded. The motion to table the selection of a chair until the next meeting was approved.

7. PRESENTATIONS FROM GRANTEEES OF RPDP ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS

Presentations from the grantees of the RPDP administrative funds were reviewed. Attendees heard presentations from the awardees of the previous fiscal year, 2023-2024, concerning the professional development administrative funds. There was no action required for this item; it was for information only. Dr. Peay was invited to present first.

Member Phillips stated that she didn't have any questions or clarifications, but greatly appreciated how the program was utilized in two different spaces. It was evident that Dr. Peay and their team did an excellent job with the SEL portion enabling the other organizations to adopt it. This demonstrated good stewardship, which was highly commendable.

Dr. Brian Myli (LION) was pleased to share how they utilized the RPDP administrative funds during the fiscal year 2324. Brian Miley, Senior Vice President at the Leadership Institute, expressed his honor at being joined by his colleague, Brenda Cassat Executive Learning Facilitator.

During this fiscal year, they allocated the funds to host a Leadership Summit in Northern Nevada and two alumni convenings in Southern Nevada. This was made possible through collaboration with the Nevada Department of Education, Nevada Gold Mines, the Northeastern Nevada RPDP, Meow Wolf, and the State of Nevada.

The Leadership Summit in Northern Nevada, held on April 25th, focused on "The Science of Hope." The Institute partnered with Director Annie Hicks and her team at the Northeastern Nevada Regional Professional Development Center. The summit aimed to educate and engage educators, community, and business leaders. Session outcomes included examining the national education landscape, connecting to student and staff energy, learning about the neuroscience of hope, exploring system-level strategies for building hope, and aligning with existing school improvement frameworks.

A sample agenda was provided, and despite some technical difficulties, the session outcomes were discussed, including a focus on incorporating the science of hope into academic and achievement goals. Pictures from the event showed a packed house of 85 educators who engaged in professional learning opportunities. Survey data indicated that participants found the session extremely relevant, with 98% reporting that it helped them understand and connect to existing initiatives.

The first alumni convening took place on February 29th, 2024, at Meow Wolf. Laura Penrod, the 2024 Nevada Teacher of the Year, and a student panel were featured. Participants engaged in discussions about student learning and classroom environments, followed by hands-on experiences at Meow Wolf. Drew, the Director of Sales and Marketing at Meow Wolf, shared insights into the origins and impact of Meow Wolf. Survey data revealed that participants found the event extremely relevant and were enthusiastic about future alumni events.

The second alumni convening occurred at The Uncommons on April 30th, 2024. Dr. Landon Mascarenaz, author of "Open Systems," led a simulation activity exploring open systems in education. Participants, including those from Washoe County, toured the Northeast Career and Technical Academy and engaged in role-based simulations. Survey results indicated that the convening was highly relevant, and participants were eager to apply the concepts in their own settings.

The budget for the alumni convenings totaled approximately \$30,000, which covered guest speaker fees, travel expenses, venue costs, program directors, and staff expenses. The Leadership Summit had a budget of \$50,000, including fees for guest speakers, project directors, travel expenses, and program evaluation. The Institute expressed deep gratitude to the RPDP Council for their support.

8. INFORMATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS PURSUANT TO NRS 391A.130

Dr. Peay, the deputy director for the Nevada Association of School Administrators (NASA), was invited to present the proposal for fiscal year 25. The proposal requested RPDP funds for the upcoming Center for Educational Excellence, number nine, for fiscal year 2024-2025. The theme for the center was educational leadership, specifically "The Leader in Me." Dr. Peay explained that, due to their involvement with the Stephen Covey Institute through NASA, they had secured intellectual rights to much of Covey's research on effective educational leadership. This theme would focus on enhancing school culture to optimize student growth, social-emotional learning, and academic achievement. The institute would run from October 12, 2024, through February 12, 2025, allowing participants to earn 90 renewal hours by attending 25 sessions and receiving six contact units.

Dr. Peay highlighted that all facilitators would base their presentations on research from Covey's "Executive Leadership Challenge Center." The center would emphasize the seven habits of effective leaders and introduce an eighth habit, "Finding Your Voice." This would offer participants strategies for enhancing both personal and academic development within their communities.

The proposed topics for the sessions included psychological safety and family-school partnerships. The expected outcomes were aligned with Nevada leadership standards. Sessions would be virtual, building upon one another, and modeled after a college syllabus. The schedule included meetings on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, as well as Saturday sessions. Dr. Peay also noted a 98% participation rate in previous institutes, with a mix of facilitators including teachers, superintendents, and experts from various fields.

The total amount requested was \$50,000, which would be allocated to consultants, presenters, and session leaders.

Dr. Crawford then turned the floor over to Dr. Myli, who presented the proposal for the Leadership Institute. Dr. Myli, accompanied by his colleague Brenda Cassat, outlined plans to host two Northern Nevada Leadership Summits and two alumni convening events for fiscal year 25. These events would be in collaboration with the Northwestern and Northeastern RPDPs and the Nevada Department of Education.

The fall summit would focus on the science of hope, involving Annie Hicks and her staff, with a deeper dive into the topic than previously covered. The spring summit would cover the same theme in partnership with Director Dickson and the Northwest Nevada RPDP, featuring Jamie Meade, an education consultant specializing in the science of hope.

Dr. Myli provided a sample agenda for the summits and described how they would align with NEPF standards. He also discussed two proposed alumni convenings: one with Zach Rous on resilience and growth, and another with David Erman on impact networks and systemic change.

A third-party evaluator would be used to conduct surveys, focus groups, and interviews to ensure the effectiveness of the programs. The funds requested would cover guest speakers, venues, project directors, travel expenses, and program evaluation.

Member Black made a motion to fully fund both proposals. Member Teel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

9. INFORMATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FUTURE MEETING DATES

Dr. Heather Crawford-Ferre mentioned that he proposed dates for future meetings were September 26th, October 17th, January 16th, March 13th, and June 5th. The committee was tasked with discussing these dates and time options, with the possibility of approving one or more of them. It was essential to schedule the next meeting to ensure the committee would be able to meet.

Member Teel made a motion to approve the dates for the upcoming meetings. Member Black seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT #2

There was no in-person public comment in Carson City or Las Vegas and no public comment via email.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Member Girdner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Teel seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1:22 pm.