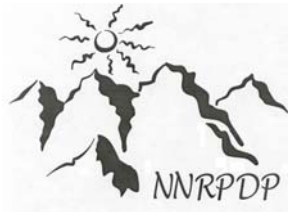


NORTHEASTERN NEVADA REGIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM MEETING NOTES GOVERNANCE BOARD

Meeting Date: December 18, 2008

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Carl Diekhans at 3:31 PM

In attendance:

Christine Back, NNRPDP Office Manager
Valerie Byrnes, NNRPDP Regional Coordinator
Carl Diekhans, Interim President/Great Basin College
Dr. Cliff Ferry, Nevada Board of Education
Jack French, Director of Personnel and Federal Compliance/Elko Co.
Bonnie Hofland, Instructor/Great Basin College
Robin Johns, NNRPDP Regional Coordinator
Jerre Lamb, NNRPDP NELIP Regional Coordinator
Robert McGinty, NNRPDP Consultant
Sharon McLean, NNRPDP Regional Coordinator
Kelly Moon, Teacher's Representative/Elko Co.
Teresa Noland, NNRPDP Regional Coordinator
Kelly Novi, Director of Curriculum & Instruction/Humboldt Co.
Hugh Rossolo, NNRPDP Director
Vicki Rossolo, NNRPDP Regional Coordinator
Teresa Ryan, Teacher's Representative/Lander Co.
Jessie Westmoreland, NNRPDP Regional Coordinator
Ben Zunino, Eureka Co. Superintendent

Carl Diekhans asked all attendees to introduce themselves.

Four items were distributed to all board members: Executive Summary- Academic Standards; Revision of Alternative Contract; RISE Lesson Plan Rubric and Rubric for Portfolio Completion

Agenda Item One: 2008-2009 Budget – Hugh Rossolo

The following items were discussed.

- Mr. Rossolo commented that the four RPDP's were not asked to cut their 08-09 budgets. We have been asked to

be as conservative as possible with the remaining budget and return as much as we can at the end of the year. All contracts will be honored and there are no program changes for the remainder of the school year.

- The PDP plans to hold the winter site facilitator meeting on January 10th.
- Our Summer Institute for site facilitators and principals is scheduled for August 2009.
- The PDP's are expecting a large budget decrease, probably between 14% and 20% for 2009-2010.

Agenda Item Two: Great Basin Update – Carl Diekhans/Bonnie Hofland

The following items were discussed.

- Ms. Hofland commented that Barbara Moss has taken over as the GBC committee chairman. Ms. Moss has a list of English and math teachers from each county who will be participating in 2-3 meetings during the year to look at developmental education.
- Mr. Diekhans commented that most agencies have been asked to take an 8% budget cut. GBC will submit a 14% cut for 2009-2010 and 24-34% cut for 2010-2011. If GBC is asked to incorporate any thing over a 30% cut it would be a "door closer." Mr. Diekhans commented that GBC has positive enrollment and is doing well in the rural areas.

Agenda Item Three: Statewide Coordinating Council Update – Bonnie Hofland

The following items were discussed.

- Ms. Hofland attended the statewide coordinating council meeting on December 11th in Las Vegas. Most of the discussion centered on what areas in general could be cut from the RPDP's budgets. The council agreed that the outside evaluator could be cut, saving \$100,000; stop bringing in outside consultants and use in-house staff; do not fill any un-filled positions and limit travel as much as possible within their service area.
- The council discussed Senate Bill 20. The bill would appoint the PDP's to provide substitute training. It is unclear if the training is in lieu of the 62 credits that are already required or in addition to the 62 credits. If a school district opted out of using the PDP's for substitute training than they would have to provide their own training.
- The council discussed Assembly Bill 19 regarding advanced placement training. Currently the south has a very strong AP training program and they would like the other RPDP's to do a needs assessment to determine the need for AP training for teachers. All the teachers needing the training could be sent to the south. Each superintendent will need to determine what teachers, at what grade level, will be given the assessment. It is possible that the SRPDP could help with travel costs and training.
- Mr. Rossolo commented that the high school rankings are based on the number of students that take the AP exam. The state is pushing to get more students to enroll in AP classes and take the AP exam so the rankings look better.
- Mr. Rossolo will contact the superintendents about the AP survey and how it should be administered.
- Ms. Hofland commented that the council discussed Depth of Knowledge training. The state department is placing the responsibility of the training on the RPDP's. Council members have varying opinions on the value of DOK.
- Members discussed the mutual assisted program. Members want to make sure each of the RPDP's are on the same page so they are viewed as one unit but each region is respected for their own diversity.
- Ms. Hofland commented on the council members discussion regarding the Executive Summary of the Academic Standards (distributed to all Governance board members). All of the RPDP's are wondering how this will impact their program and what are they going to do for professional development based upon the study. Recommendations are on page 47 of the summary.
- Mr. Zunino commented that the summary indicated that students are finishing school and do not know how to complete a lesson that has an objective and addresses the standard. He commented that this would be a good professional development objective to improve instruction. Teachers need to know how to differentiate between an objective and an activity. Mr. Zunino commented that it is important that administrators know what excellent instruction looks like.
- Mr. French commented that teachers and principals need to know that effective instruction must be tied to the curriculum.

Agenda Item Four: Legislative Update – Hugh Rossolo

The following item was discussed.

- Mr. Rossolo commented that he is concerned that individual people and/or committees have been coming to the Legislative Committee on Education in Carson City and asking that a law be passed to promote a certain agenda. Mr. Rossolo has concerns that these “laws” will have a negative effect on what the RPD’s, as well as the districts, will be able to provide. Dr. Ferry agrees with his concerns.

Prior to Agenda Item Five, Ms. Rossolo announced that the NNRPDP is available to coach any new teacher in the five county area. Ms. Rossolo has met several times with the coaches and mentors in Humboldt and Lander counties.

Agenda Item Five: Alternative Licensure – Vicki Rossolo

The following items were discussed (three documents were distributed to all board members regarding alternative licensure).

- Ms. Rossolo commented that in Elko County participants are given a three year portfolio requirement contract. They are also given a lesson plan rubric and a rubric for portfolio completion. Ms. Hofland would like to extend what Ms. Rossolo is doing in Elko County to the other four counties. By using the same format in all five counties we can insure consistency.
- Ms. Hofland strongly suggested that the five counties include special education as an alternative route.
- Ms. Hofland commented that the portfolios need to include artifacts and reflections to show that the students assignments are driving instruction.

Agenda Item Six: 2009 Symposium – Robert McGinty

The following items were discussed.

- This year the PDP re-titled the Literacy Conference to the 2009 NNRPDP Symposium. The symposium will be held on January 23-24. The keynote speaker is Dr. Richard Allington. We will have three Saturday afternoon sessions that will target math, science and language arts. Participants can receive a ½ in-service credit. Mr. McGinty asked the board members to encourage their principals and teachers to attend the symposium.
- Dr. Ferry commented that Dr. Allington is an excellent presenter.
- Mr. Rossolo commented that the symposium applies to all grade levels and he hopes that more secondary teachers will attend.
- Mr. Rossolo commented that given the budget issues it is unlikely that the PDP will be able to provide this type of conference in the coming years.

Agenda Item Seven: New Business

- Mr. Rossolo commented that the social studies standards are official and approved.
- The SB185 grant is still available and the NNRPDP is doing the evaluation for Elko County. If other districts would like assistance with their evaluation please contact the NNRPDP.
- Ms. Back commented that the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 12, 2009. It will be an interactive meeting from 3:30-5 PM.

Ms. Moon moved to adjourn the meeting; second by Dr. Ferry. Meeting adjourned at 4:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Back, January 26, 2009