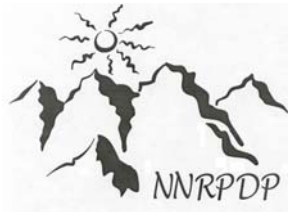


NORTHEASTERN NEVADA REGIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM MEETING NOTES GOVERNANCE BOARD

Meeting Date: February 12, 2009

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Carl Diekhans at 3:32 pm.

In attendance:

William Arensdorf, NDE Director, Fiscal Accountability
Christine Back, NNRPDP Office Manager
Tom Brannan, Administrator/Lander Co.
Michael Bumgartner, Humboldt Co. Superintendent
Valerie Byrnes, NNRPDP Regional Coordinator
Carl Diekhans, Interim President/Great Basin College
Bob Dolezal, White Pine Co. Superintendent
Sam Hanson, Teacher's Representative/White Pine Co.
Bonnie Hofland, Instructor/Great Basin College
Holly Marich, NNRPDP Regional Coordinator
Sharon McLean, NNRPDP Regional Coordinator
Kelly Moon, Teacher's Representative/Elko Co.
Teresa Noland, NNRPDP Regional Coordinator
Hugh Rossolo, NNRPDP Director
Teresa Ryan, Teacher's Representative/Lander Co.
Cathy Smales, NNRPDP Coordinator
Barbara Todd, Teacher's Representative/Eureka Co.
Jessie Westmoreland, NNRPDP Regional Coordinator
Ben Zunino, Eureka Co. Superintendent

Carl Diekhans asked all attendees to introduce themselves.

Agenda Item One: Great Basin College Update – Carl Diekhans

Mr. Diekhans had no new information regarding the college.

Agenda Item Three: Legislative Update – Hugh Rossolo

- Mr. Rossolo requested letters of support for the NNRPDP from board members. Mr. Rossolo has requested letters from the 5 superintendents, principals and quite a few teachers. He is asking that letters be sent to the legislators in Carson City, particularly the Ways and Means, Finance and Education Committees. The PDP has redesigned its brochure to include quotes from teachers and a list of initiatives. The brochure with other information will be sent to the legislators. Mrs. Back will e-mail all board members a list of points to address in the support letters as well as the legislator contact information.

Agenda Item Four: AP Teacher Survey – Hugh Rossolo

The following items were discussed.

- Bonnie Parnell, Education Committee chairman, is insisting that the PDP's take a survey of what training teachers need for AP classes to see if their needs are being met. Mr. Rossolo asked for the board's input as to who the survey should be sent to. Mr. Bumgartner suggested Mr. Rossolo contact Debbie Watts the Lowry High School principal for her input regarding the survey.
- Mrs. Hofland suggested distributing the survey to all junior high and high school principals and letting them distribute the survey to teachers that are interested.
- Mr. Rossolo commented that there is a bill currently in the legislature that would make us provide monies to sponsor teachers for the AP Training in Las Vegas.
- Mr. Rossolo will send out the AP survey to high school principals and ask superintendents if they would like the survey sent to junior high principals as well.

Agenda Item Two: NNRPDP Budget – Hugh Rossolo/Action Item (delayed on the agenda while waiting for a quorum)

The following items were discussed. All attendees received a copy of the NNRPDP revised budget dated February 3, 2009.

- Mr. Rossolo and the superintendents met interactively to discuss the 11% budget reduction prior to board approval. The discussion focused on the areas that could be cut with the least amount of negative effect on the overall program.
- Regarding the budget revisions dated February 3, 2009, Mr. Rossolo commented that the figures in black are the 11% budget reduction that was approved by the board members via e-mail on January 27, 2009.
- Mr. Rossolo commented that after careful perusal of the budget reconciliation sheets, it was necessary to adjust the budget to cover payroll increases in Elko and White Pine counties and increase the travel category.
- Regarding the revised budget, the figures in blue represent the increase in dollars and the red figures represent the decrease in dollars. All contracted positions, with the exceptions of the site facilitators were reduced.
- Mr. Diekhans asked about the reduction in substitute money. Mr. Rossolo commented that the substitute money was cut with the 11% budget reduction in January. However, the substitute monies remaining in the budget are to cover the first part of the school year.
- Mrs. Hofland commented that she is concerned that the revised budget does not allow for continued substitute use. Mr. Rossolo commented that most substitutes were used for the NNRPDP content meetings and though these meetings are very important it was necessary to cut the substitute money in lieu of breaking site facilitator contracts.
- Mr. Rossolo commented that there are a number of people on the legislative education committee that do not think teachers should be out of the classroom for professional development. Consequently on next year's budget substitutes will be included in the teacher presenter category.
- Mrs. Hofland commented that the regional coordinator contracts could be cut from 221 to 200 days to allow for substitutes in next year's budget.

- Mr. Dolezal commented that everyone understands that the budget cuts that the PDP is requesting are difficult but necessary. Mr. Dolezal did not feel the budget revisions were wasteful or not needed to continue with the program. He felt the PDP had done a good job balancing the budget with the least amount of harm to the program. Mr. Bumgartner was in agreement.
- Mr. Dolezal moved to approve the NNRPDP budget reduction dated February 3, 2009; 2nd by Mr. Bumgartner; no opposition.

Agenda Item Five: New Business

The following items were discussed.

- Mrs. Back commented that the last board meeting for this year will be interactively scheduled on May 21st from 3:30 to 5pm.
- Mr. Rossolo commented that he received an e-mail from LCB asking for possible budget scenarios – a 25%, 50% and 75% reduction. Mr. Rossolo received suggestions from Mr. Zunino which Mr. Rossolo included. One of his suggestions was for substitutes. LCB will present these budgets to the education committees. Mr. Rossolo told LCB that the 75% budget reduction would end the program as we would not be able to serve all 5 counties effectively. Mr. Rossolo commented that the program would be able to continue with a 25% reduction with most budget expenditures in place.
- Mr. Diekhans commented that a 25% reduction for GBC would be drastic and that a 50 -75% reduction would be a door closer.

Ms. Moon moved to adjourn the meeting; second by Mr. Bumgartner; all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 4:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Back, February 23, 2009.