

ESU #13 ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 28, 2018
Regular Meeting – 2:00 P.M.
ESU #13 Center, 4021 Avenue I, Scottsbluff, NE

Present: Dr. Troy Unzicker, Dr. Evelyn Browne, Travis Miller, Chuck Lambert, Dr. Caroline Winchester, Kirk Hughes, Patrick Ningen, Dr. Paula Sissel, Bob Hastings, Russell Lechtenberg, Charles Isom, Dr. Elizabeth Owens, Chris Geary, Tim Cody, Kathy Urbanek, Mike Williams, Rick Myles, Dr. Brett Gies, Dr. Kim Dale (WNCC), Ellen Dillon (WNCC-Scottsbluff), Dr. Jeff West, Desira Martin-Administrative Assistant, Dr. Katie Carrizales, Danielle Cole, Donna Jenne, Nicole Johnson, B.J. Peters, George Schlothauer, Paul Smith.

Absent: Lori Liggett, Tessa Fraass, Joe Sherwood, Jay Ehler, Don King (CSC), Julia Newman (WNCC), Paula Abbott (WNCC-Sidney), Robin Iossi (WNCC-Alliance)

Guests: Cathy McDaniel – Oregon Trail Foundation (OTCF)
Retha Dunn, Director – Partnership for Innovation Regional Team

Welcome/Introductions: Introductions were given with emphasis on our new Superintendents: Dr. Evelyn Browne, Banner County; Patrick Ningen, Creek Valley; Charles Isom, Hemingford; Dr. Elizabeth Owens, Kimball; Chris Geary, Leyton. Danielle Cole, ESU #13 new Migrant Education Director, introduced herself to the Superintendents.

Superintendent Items for Discussion: None

Cathy McDaniel, Executive Administrator – Oregon Trail Community Foundation (OTCF):

Overview:

OTCF is a foundation that has been in our community for 40+ years. Their mission and purpose is to build a community of kindness and compassion. The Rachel's Challenge Program is about building a kinder and more empathetic community and also foster a generous spirit in our young people. Rachel's Challenge is a series of student-empowering programs and strategies that were created based on Rachel's writings and artwork.

OTCF has matching grants for schools to apply to bring Rachel's Challenge program to their schools.

See Rachel's Challenge at the Community Event at Scottsbluff High School Auditorium on 9/12/18 at 7:00 p.m.

Jourdan Foran, Area Manager for Rachel's Challenge, was able to zoom in from Littleton, Colorado to answer questions.

For more information, please see links below:

[Community Foundation Grant Report](#)
[Rachel's Challenge-ESU Presentation](#)
[Rachel's Challenge intro letter](#)

WyoBraska GIVES (November 13, 2018): This will be a 24 hour Online Giving Platform to inspire our community to come together and make a minimum donation of \$10.00 to support the work of public 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations. This includes Booster Clubs and PTOs.

To register your nonprofit organization, go to: wyobraskagives.civcore.com. Deadline to register is 9/1/18. Please call Cathy at 308-635-3393 for more information.

Retha Dunn, Executive Director – Partnership for Innovation (PFI):

PFI is a unique statewide consortium in Nebraska created to meet the requirements of the 2006 Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act. PFI supports Career and Technical Education statewide by offering services to support Perkins secondary and postsecondary Perkins partners. 8% of Perkins funds goes to PFI. PFI offers scholarships for superintendents and career and technical education (CTE) teachers to attend Nebraska and national career educational opportunities. Schools can apply for funds on line for larger innovative projects. This application is due in March.

There are funds set aside for the Western Region to do a project or professional development for CTE teachers (smaller project).

Administrator's Report:

- Dr. West thanked the districts that allowed ESU #13 Directors to attend their beginning of the year in-services to inform teachers of the services we have to offer. Eleven districts signed up for us to attend along with two Board of Education meetings. We are hoping next year to reach the districts that couldn't do it this year.
- To continue the quest to inform our schools about our services, the Directors will be preparing information about their departments to be distributed to the districts for their school newsletters. Desira will be sending these, one department at a time, monthly beginning in September. If there is a staff member you would like her to email the article other than yourself, please let her know.
- Dr. West asked for suggestions from the Superintendents for speakers or programs that would be of interest to them for future meetings. They are encouraged to email him with names or ideas.
- Host sites for future meetings were discussed. Bridgeport Public School will host the January meeting and Scottsbluff Public Schools will host the April meeting.
- Future Legal Webinars – ESU #13 will continue to pay for legal webinars. Topics of interest can be emailed to Dr. West and he will get those scheduled.

Director Reports: (Please see the Department reports below the Agenda. Additional comments are below.

HEAD START: (Donna Jenne): Head Start classrooms are fully enrolled with 248 3-5 year olds, Early Head Start is full with 68 prenatal through age 2. We currently have 5 public school partnerships.

PSYCHOLOGY SERVICES (Paul Smith): Paul and Nicole Ulvestad are available for CPI training. Traci Hastings is also available for QPR trainings for your staff. Please let Paul know if you would like him to schedule these trainings.

EARLY CHILDHOOD (Nici Johnson): Nici is now the Director of Early Childhood department. ESU #13 is making some structural changes in order to unify our growing Early Childhood programs. Sixpence is in its third year and is working on a rating to show improvements. Our Rooted in Relationships coach will be visiting 3 sites in Chadron, 2 in Alliance and 11 in Scottsbluff to improve social emotional capacity. Upcoming Early Childhood meetings are:

- September 17, 2018 - Thriving children, Families and Communities; the Role of the Early Childhood Program – Kearney. Community for Kids has monetary support for travel. Please contact Nici for information.
- October 3,4,5, 2018 - “0-3” - Denver, CO
- October 6, 2018 - The Western Nebraska Early Childhood Conference - UNL Extension building, Scottsbluff

TECHNOLOGY (B.J. Peters): 2018 Nebraska Digital Citizenship Symposium will be held Tuesday, September 25th at 8:30 a.m. (MST) at the Harms Center – 2620 College Park, Scottsbluff, NE. This year’s focus will be on students in Grades 4-8. The cost is \$120 per team which can consist of up to 6 people: 4 students and 2 adults (teachers, parents or administrators). The deadline for registration is September 11th. Lori Biesecker emailed the Superintendents last week with a link for registration.

The next meeting will be held on October 24, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. Everyone is welcome to stay for the NRCSA meeting (lunch provided)