

Minutes of Meeting
ESU 13 ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, January 22, 2020

Hosted by Scottsbluff Public Schools
Location: Scottsbluff High School Board Room

Round Table Discussion - Early Childhood Programming
9:45 AM - Tour of Scottsbluff High School
10:30 AM - Regular Meeting

Present:

Dr. Evelyn Browne, Dr. Caroline Winchester, Jess Underwood, Russell Lechtenberg, Charles Isom, Dr. Elizabeth Owens, Chris Geary, Kathy Urbanek, Joe Sherwood, Rick Myles, Jay Ehler, Dr. Brett Gies, Don King - CSC, Julia Newman, Dr. Carmen Simone - WNCC, ESU 13 - Dr. Andrew Dick, Jadie Beam, Dr. Pam Brezenski, Nicole Johnson, Desira Martin, B.J. Peters, George Schlothauer, Paul Smith

Absent:

Dr. Troy Unzicker, Dr. Travis Miller, Chuck Lambert, Kirk Hughes, Patrick Ningen, Bob Hastings, Lori Liggett, Tim Cody, Adam Patrick, Ellen Dillon - WNCC, Paula Abbott - WNCC, ESU 13 - Dr. Katie Carrizales, Danielle Cole

Dr. Matthew Blomstedt, Commissioner of Education

Dr. Blomstedt gave updates from NDE regarding legislation:

- LB 147 - Change the Student Discipline Act to provide for a teacher or administrator to use necessary physical contact or physical restraining and provide procedures and grounds for removal from a class in response to student behavior
- Lottery funds- could be used for training of teachers
- LB974 - Change taxation and school funding provisions is scheduled to be heard January 22, 2020

A substantial concern from NDE is the teacher shortage and how NDE can help with support to retain teachers. Ideas include changing the Praxis, possibly changing the trajectory for restrictions in other states.

Lane Carr, Director of Accountability and AQuESTT

Mr. Carr presented the following topics for discussion:

- Targeted Support and Improvement - area of students with disabilities needs support
- Attendance - chronic absenteeism is increasing. Federal definition is defined as missing 10% of school days within one academic year from the time of membership.
- Timeliness of data - Would like to see accountability in having access to data all in one place so it is useful.

Shirley Vargas, Ed.D., Coordinated School and District Administrator

Dr. Vargas discussed targeted support and improvement in schools including reviewing asset plans for schools. Discussion ensued regarding the need for funding for mental health services for students in this part of the state.

Administrator's Report

- Lori Biesecker gave an update on the Perkins V reVISION. There will be a work day at ESU on Tuesday, January 28th from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM for school district's local CTE Assessment teams to start completing the reVISION process.
- SRO Training (State Statute - 79-2703/LB390) - Lisa Myles has been in communication with KSB Law regarding training opportunities.
- UNL Master of Education Principalship Program
 - Informational Meeting - February 17 @ 3:15 PM (Conference Rooms B/C)
 - Link to Flyer - [UNL - Master of Education \(MEd-principalship\) program flyer.pdf](#)
- Dr. Dick would like input regarding the re-implementation of the Executive Committee for the Advisory Council to provide advice and guidance for upcoming meeting schedules and topics. He would like to have a representative from both the northern and southern tiers. Please contact him for further discussion. These meetings could be offered by Zoom.
- Western Nebraska School Mental Health Conference
 - March 10 - Chadron State College - Dr. Winchester gave information regarding the conference. Here is a link to the flyer:

[Western Nebraska School Mental Health Conference Flyer](#)

- Dr. Dick is interested in feedback and/or input regarding Strategic Plan - Goal 1 (Strategic Objective 1.3). If this is an area that the ESU can better support your school district, please reach out to Dr. Dick
Strategic Objective 1.3: By 2019, ESU 13 work with member schools to support ESU 13 funding and collaborate with ESU 13 school districts to assist them with grant training, support, and assistance with grant preparation.
- Future ESU AAC Meetings
 - Wednesday, February 26, 2020 (via DL and hosted from Sidney) - Mike Dulaney and Dan Ernst from NCSA
 - March - no meeting scheduled (NRCSA Conference)
 - Wednesday, April 22, 2020 (Hosted from Gering Public Schools)
- Legal Webinars Available (7:00 AM -11:00 AM MST)
 - KSB School Law 2019-2020 Webinar Series
 - February 11, 2020 - Personnel
 - March 24, 2020 - Title IX