

MINUTES OF MEETING
ESU 13 ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, February 26, 2020
ESU 13 - Scottsbluff; ESU 13 - Sidney; CSC Miller Hall Rm. #309 - Chadron

Present:

Chadron Site: Dr. Caroline Winchester, Dr. Brett Gies, Kirk Hughes, Don King

Scottsbluff Site: Dr. Troy Unzicker, Chuck Lambert, Bob Hastings, Lori Liggett, Tim Cody, Dr. Kathy Urbanek, Rick Myles, Ellen Dillon, Dr. Carmen Simone, Paula Abbott, Jadie Beam, Dr. Pam Brezenski, Dr. Katie Carrizales, Danielle Cole, Craig Hicks, B.J. Peters, George Schlothauer, Paul Smith, Desira Martin

Sidney Site: Dr. Andrew Dick, Jay Ehler, Patrick Ningen, Dr. Elizabeth Owens, Jess Underwood

Banner County: Dr. Evelyn Browne

Absent: Dr. Travis Miller, Russell Lechtenberg, Charles Isom, Chris Geary, Joe Sherwood, Adam Patrick

Dr. Andrew Dick, hosting from ESU 13's Sidney Satellite Office, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Superintendent's Items for Discussion: Coronavirus in the school setting. Some ESUs are bringing in Public Health Department personnel to speak at superintendent meetings. If member schools are interested in ESU coordinating a meeting with public health officials, please let Andrew know. State tech staff are also having conversations about this. B.J. Peters, ESU Tech Director, could employ Zoom possibilities to continue to provide instruction. Only teachers need Zoom accounts so students would work under those licenses. ESU 13 has 15,000 licenses.

The CDC has released guidance for businesses and schools. Here is the link:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/guidance-business-response.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fguidance-business-response.html

Dr. Mike Dulaney, Executive Director - NCSA and Kyle McGowan, NCSA Ambassador, gave an update on the legislative session, now at the halfway point.

LB974 - Change taxation and school funding provisions.

- They spoke to Senator Lou Ann Linehan and Senator Mike Groene, but there is nothing new to report
- Education coalitions meet every Tuesday. These groups will be signing a letter in opposition.

LB1186 - Require salary to be paid to injured school employees as prescribed.

- This bill was introduced by Hilgers and prioritized by Albrecht. This bill would require school districts to provide additional injury leave if an employee of a school district is physically injured by another individual who intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly causes

bodily injury and occurs within the employee's scope of employment in a manner that would be covered by the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act. The employee shall receive injury leave and be paid their usual salary in full for such time as the employee is absent and unable to work as a result of the injury not to exceed 7 days.

Per Alicap, there were 160 assaults reported, however, the way they were grouped, may not represent true assaults.

LB720 - Adopt the ImagiNE Nebraska Act, Renewable Chemical Production Tax Credit Act, Customized Job Training Act, and Community Economic Opportunities Act and provide tax incentives.

Nebraska Income Tax Credit for Paid Property Taxes Initiative.

- TRUE Nebraskans is leading the campaign in support of the measure
- Governor Ricketts opposes this

Other bills NCSA is following:

LB 1073 - Create the School Financing Review Commission, add basic funding aid, and change adjusted valuations, the local effort rate, and certification dates

LB 1213 - Change tax and school funding provisions

- Referred to Revenue Committee, hearing on February 27th

Dr. Dulaney will send out a list of prioritized bills.

WNCC - Dr. Simone - She is in day 53 in her role as WNCC President and getting to know her faculty. Her philosophy is that we need to be really connected to our schools. WNCC is working with state schools for seamless 2+2 programming; two years at WNCC and then two at state school.

Administrator's Report

- Update on proposed Day Treatment/Day School program - Exciting update! Sherwood Foundation awarded ESU 13 funds to begin the pilot project of Panhandle Beginnings Day Treatment program. Now the real work begins. The hope of this pilot project is to show that this type of programming is essential and longterm to lawmakers for funding. Press release will be coming shortly. We are targeting a September or October implementation. We are starting to advertise for positions. In two weeks, a group of people are going to Denver to visit 6 different programs to educate ourselves. Dr. Dick expressed thanks to Senator Stinner, Rick Myles. Dr. Katie Carrizales and Dr. Jeff West.
- VALTS - South - A conversation with Sidney Public School Administration including Jay Ehler took place regarding expanding VALTS program to the southern tier. Pilot has been taking place utilizing Zoom. So far, there has been good success. Sidney is committing to 7 slots. Next semester, we will utilize WNCC in Sidney to house the program. In January, next year, we will explore options for space to house VALTS students. If this goes well in the southern tier, we could expand to the northern tier.

- Future of ESU 13 Psychological Services Department - Paul Smith is retiring after 20 years at ESU. After extended conversations, we will be moving the psychology services under the direction of Dr. Katie Carrizales.
- Re-establishing Executive Committee
 - First meeting will be in March - Date TBD
 - Current Volunteers - Rick Myles, Jay Ehler, Joe Sherwood, and Brett Gies
 - Any other superintendents interested? Please give Andrew a call if interested.
- Western Nebraska School Mental Health Conference
 - March 10 - Chadron State College
 - Inservice on the 11th
- New ESU 13 website - Craig Hicks gave a demonstration of our new website. Key elements: navigation across the top designed for external audiences like schools and community. Staff directory shows email, phone and pictures and can be sorted by department. Our website team will continue to meet for suggestions. Don King asked if it would be appropriate to include WNCC and Chadron State somewhere on the website. Craig will find a place to add a quick link.
- Schedule visits w/superintendents. Dr. Dick met with superintendents individually at the beginning of the year and would like to meet each superintendent again for follow up. An email will be sent in the coming weeks.
- Future ESU AAC Meetings
 - March - no meeting scheduled (NRCSA Conference)
 - Wednesday, April 22, 2020 (Hosted from Gering Public Schools)
- Legal Webinars Available
 - KSB School Law 2019-2020 Webinar Series
 - March 24, 2020 - Title IX

Additional Director's Notes:

Jadie Beam, Professional Learning: Comments from Mid-Winter Conference included suggestions to offer sessions for nurses and counselors.

The CSC/ESU/Schools Partnership has been very successful during the 2019-2020 school year. ESU 13 has partnered with CSC to offer 3 full days of professional development training for the student teachers. Training topics included Classroom Management, Technology, Behavioral Mental Health, Assessment and the last session will include Special Education and Dyslexia. The sessions have been offered at 5 locations: Scottsbluff, Chadron, Sidney, North Platte and Sheridan, Wyoming. ESU 13 and CSC will continue the partnership during the 2020-2021 school year.

A new summer class is being offered:

- "Engagement by Design", June 8th and 9th and August 4th and 5th.

Dr. Pam Brezenski, Special Education: Looking ahead to next year, we will be adding a separate level to add an LRE instruction specialist. ESU 13 staff would come to schools to provide supports such as creation of parallel core, visual schedules and systems, recommendations for curriculum and environmental support. The reimbursable rate for the first year would be \$57.00 per hour.

We have been doing work on building the MTSS tier one behavioral team. 20 + ESU 13 staff have been working on structure. The supports will be within the executive functioning, classroom management, and universal design/differentiation areas. Information will be coming out soon as committees are working on forms and procedures.

Danielle Cole, Director, Title 1C Migrant Education: The 2nd annual parent conference in Lexington is coming up. Seniors will be invited to go and will be honored. We will be partnering with WNCC to do a pilot Science Camp this summer for Panhandle middle school students.

Dr. Katie Carrizales, Behavioral Health:

Upcoming trainings:

- March 27, Understanding and Screening for Trauma for Young Children by NebraskaBabies. This will be held at the UNL Panhandle Research and Extension Center. Register online at www.nebraskababies.com.
- March 27, Youth Mental Health First Aid training in Chadron
- April 2, Youth Mental Health First Aid training for SROs. Register through ESU impact system Panhandle Partnership
- June 25 and 25, Region I BHTA (Behavioral Health Threat Assessment) training at the HARMS center. This is open to law enforcement first. Katie will find out if that training will cover 20 hours of education for SROs.

Katie is going to put together a survey for our member schools focusing on behavioral health needs of our panhandle youth.

BJ Peters, Technology: Please let him or Julie Newman at WNCC know of dual credit needs. Coop order catalog now has vape detectors available for restrooms. Spring buy is now open.

Dr. Don King, Chadron State College: Mr. King reported about the growth of our new SPED Para – to – Teacher Program (43 participants) which was established in direct response to this group's need for more special education teachers.

Dr. King is requesting feedback from School Administrators about the college's proposal to imbed an English Language Learner endorsement into their existing Elementary Education Program. He will be sending out information to this effect, in a separate email message.

End of Minutes