

MINUTES OF MEETING
ESU 13 ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, September 23, 2020
Hosted by Gering Public Schools
Location: Gering High School Media Center

No Round Table Discussion for September

10:00 AM - Regular Meeting

Gary Cooper, Superintendent of Gering Public Schools, informed us prior to the meeting that a transformer had blown so there was no power to the Media Center. Zoom superintendent participants, Dr. Evelyn Brown, Dr. Travis Miller, Patrick Ningen, Jess Underwood, Russel Lechtenberg, Tim Cody, Adam Patrick, Rick Myles, and Jay Ehler were not able to connect to participate.

Present: Dr. Troy Unzicker, Ginger Meyer, Eugene Hanks, Gary Cooper, Trevor Anderson, Chris Geary, Dr. Kathy Urbanek, Dr. Brett Gies, Don King - CSC, WNCC - Dr. Carmen Simone, Mai Lee Olsen, Julie Newman and Paula Abbott. Dr. Andrew Dick, ESU 13 Administrator and Desira Martin, Executive Assistant to the Administrator. ESU 13 Directors: Dr. Laura Barrett, Jadie Beam, Dr. Pam Brezenski, Dr. Katie Carrizales, Danielle Cole, Nici Johnson, B.J. Peters, George Schlothauer. Guests: Dr. Alaric Williams, CSC.

Absent: Chuck Lambert, Lori Liggett, Charles Isom, Joe Sherwood.

Welcome and Introductions were given.

Scott Stemper, Emergency Operations Planning Specialist

Mr. Stemper was unable to participate due to audio difficulties using the Zoom link. Andrew spoke regarding the free virtual one day training on September 28 or 29, 2020 for Psychological First Aid for Schools (PFA) Level 1. Participants may include crisis response team, counselors, principals, teachers, and nurses. To register, please email rhonda.wisdom@nebraska.gov. Here is the link for the free training flyer:

[PFA Level 1 Free Virtual One-Day Training](#)

ESU 13 will host EOP training in March 2021. Jadie or Lisa will be sending information on that.

Anthony Murphy, City of Scottsbluff Fire Prevention Officer

Mr. Murphy presented information on firesetter intervention for kids. This program allows screening of the child and parent to determine how serious the offense and/or what intervention or prevention strategy may be helpful including mental health intervention. He would like to partner with each of our schools so that someone from each district could be trained to help identify these youth. Don King suggested reaching out to higher learning also. Please contact him at this email address amurphy@scottsbluff.org.

Lane Carr, Director - Accountability & AQuESTT

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

Due to technical issues, Lane and Shirley were unable to join us. However, they reached out and sent important information to be shared.

Updates to Launch Nebraska (www.launchne.com)

- The Launch Nebraska website has undergone a significant renovation, zeroing in on the specific actions that should be taking place right now in schools.
- The homepage continues to host the most up-to-date information and new documents and materials.
- NDE created a “[Transitions and Planning for the Class of 2021](#)” document located on the [Transitions](#) page.
- All previous materials and content are archived at [this direct link](#).

Attendance Matters: Connected, Present, Engaged, and Supported!

- September is [Attendance Awareness Month](#) and [Digital Equity Month](#)! The NDE has created the campaign “Attendance Matters: Connected, Present, Engaged, and Supported!”
 - [Supporting documents for parents, families, and providers](#)
 - [Supporting documents for educators](#)

TSI/ATSI Virtual Learning Communities

The NDE and the Region 11 Comprehensive Center has an exciting opportunity for TSI/ATSI schools. We are launching a [Virtual Learning Community series](#) that gets to the heart of supporting and building equitable schools through data usage. This series will allow for school teams to engage synchronously or asynchronously in learning and

critical reflection and action regarding implementation of evidence-based practices for ELs, students with disabilities, and economically disadvantaged students.

You can [use this link](#) to identify if you will be joining the learning community with a team or individually. Some examples of teams could be school-level teams, such as department/grade level teams, a combination of ESU/district and school level members, or other variations. Our first learning community session, specifically designed for school /district leaders, can be [accessed here](#).

Assessment and Accountability Update

- DAC Email from September 14, 2020
 - Move to NSCAS Phase 1 Pilot
 - Transition to through-year model
 - Shorter
 - Focus on MAP growth data
 - Fully adaptive
 - Uses NE standards and blueprint
 - NDE is recommending no new classifications and designations be implemented during 2020-21 school year. Rationale:
 - Changing nature of NSCAS
 - COVID impact on 2019-20
 - COVID uncertainty for 2020-21
 - Letter sent to USDOE informing them of our plans
- See commissioner's update from [NE State Board Meeting](#) (1:53:15)

Don Lease - Nebraska Strong Project

Don is an outreach worker trained through FEMA. Nebraska Strong was developed as a result of the floods in eastern Nebraska. Region I contracts with Nebraska Strong to help identify unmet needs with available resources. The phone number is 1-866-813-1731.

Tessa Fraass, NeMTSS Regional Facilitator

Tessa's presentation was an overview of the multi-systems of support. NeMTSS has five regions which are the same regions as NCSA. She represents Region 5 which includes ESUs 13, 15 and 16. Here is a link to her powerpoint presentation:

[NeMTSS Presentation](#)

Administrator's Report

- If anyone has a roundtable discussion topic, please let him know.

- The December meeting may be moved to the afternoon to accommodate superintendents who would like to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony for Panhandle Beginnings.

Future ESU AAC meetings:

- Wednesday, October 28, 2020 - (Hosted from Chadron) - Via DL to Scottsbluff/Sidney Sites
- November - No Meeting Scheduled
- Wednesday, December 9, 2020 - Via DL (Time of this meeting may be moved to the afternoon)
- Wednesday, January 27, 2021
- Wednesday, February 24, 2021 (Hosted from Sidney) - Via DL to Scottsbluff/Chadron Sites
- March - No Meeting Scheduled (NRCSA Conference)
- Wednesday, April 28, 2021

KSB School Law 2020-2021 Upcoming Webinars Series (To register, email soar@esu13.org)

- December 1 - Personnel
- February 9 - Special Education
- March 30 - Student Issues

Higher Education

Julie Newman, WNCC's College NOW! Director will be retiring soon. Mai Lee Olsen will be the new dual credit contact for WNCC.

Don King, CSC, had the following remarks in his report to the group:

- Introduced Dr. Alaric Williams who has joined the staff as Dean of Professional Studies and Applied Sciences.
- The SPED para-to-teacher program has 53 enrolled this semester, and CSC would welcome any other SPED Paras whose schools would like to recommend.
- Offering another section of the graduate level class on Remote Teaching and Learning this spring for those school based faculty who might value from this course.
- Dr. King shared that CSC is reviewing their Masters in Curriculum, emphasis in Technology program. He asked superintendents to provide feedback on a

possible revision to the program that would shift the emphasis to distance learning.

Superintendent's Items for Discussion - None

Director's Reports: Reports are available at the end of the agenda for department information.

END OF MINUTES