



Partnerships for Innovation is a collaboration of secondary and postsecondary partners focused on building a better statewide system of Career and Technical Education for Nebraska to improve student learning and better meet economic development priorities. PFI will do this by introducing innovation in delivery systems in CTE to include Career Academies, professional development and programs of study with coordinated curriculum between secondary and postsecondary.

Leadership Council Meeting Minutes (DRAFT): November 14, 2012

The Partnerships for Innovation (PFI) Leadership Council (LC) meeting opened at 8:35 AM at Northeast Community College, MacLay Building Room 100.

Terry opened the meeting. Doug Kittle introduced himself and the other Leadership Council members introduced themselves. Terry asked for a motion to approve the October 9 meeting minutes, Connie made motion and Kelly seconded. Minutes approved.

Erika provided the Leadership Council members a poster of their top 4 illustrations from the book, **Rework**. Each member shared one or two of the illustrations or themes which resonated with them.

What's Hot and What's Not? Each member had the opportunity to share major activities from their organizations. Many community colleges are undergoing accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission.

NCE Conference Presentations: Erika asked for ideas from the Leadership Council for presentations they would like to see at the NCE Conference to provide PFI a greater presence at the Conference. Erika will work with Albert Varas from Avenue Scholars to provide a breakout, Theresa Steinlage will do trainings on the Nebraska Career Connections system, and Erika will highlight the H3 website and will present a workshop with Lois Erikson from Papillion-LaVista Schools on the cultural differences between education and business and industry to facilitate stronger local relationships.

The Leadership Council encouraged Erika to include the following additional programs: a roundtable showcase of the PFI sponsored professional development activities and outcomes, a listening session to better understand how PFI can advance CTE, a showcase of the national conferences PFI has sponsored, and an informational session on how to access funds from PFI.

Forecasting the Future Erika and Rich provided materials from various state and national perspectives which could impact the future of federal support of Career and Technical Education. Rich highlighted that the Institute of Competitive Workforce's Leaders and Laggards Report was especially interesting which was not provide in paper document, but can be found here: <http://icw.uschamber.com/reportcard/>

LB 870 Career Academy Rule Update: Rich provided an update that the Career Academy Rule is going through much iteration with the NDE Legal Department. He shared that the PFI Leadership Council will most likely have an opportunity to review it prior to it going to the State Board for approval, sometime in December. Erika confirmed the major components of a Career Academy are: three sequential CTE courses within one career field or cluster, an academic course taught in context of the career field and a work based learning opportunity.

Google Analytics Erika shared the activity on the Partnerships for Innovation and the H3 websites. Since July 1, 2012 the Partnerships for Innovation website has had more than 1700 visits to the website, with about 50% returning users and 49% new users. More than 1500 people have visited the H3 website since July 1, 2012. More than 64% of the people are new users to the system while 35% are returning users. The Department of Education staff showcased the website at the Fall Workshops and the reVISION workshops which may account for the spike of use in October.

Nebraska Career Connections: Erika shared Tom Hanson's September Report with the members. She has not received Tom's October report, but also shared that PFI has not reimbursed or paid Tom for any expenses. Erika also shared a letter drafted by Matt Blomstedt which outlined the intent of the Educational Service Unit

Coordinating Council managing the Kuder, Nebraska Career Connections contract in 2013. Erika will work with Matt on strategizing next steps and the role of the NCC Advisory Council.

Tours John Blaylock provided a nice walking and information tour of the new Welcome Center and College of Nursing. The group convened for lunch and John provided some background and data on the College. Dr. Chipps welcomed the group and highlighted some initiatives.

Budget Committee Update Erika provided an up-to-date balance of expenditures and encumbered expenses to the group. Erika also created a spreadsheet for anticipated funding allocations in 2013 – 14 with possible budget cuts of 4%, 8% and 10% crossed with allocation percentages of 9, 8 and 7.

The Finance committee will meet in December to provide the full Leadership Council in January with a variety of scenarios for funding Nebraska Career Connections, Professional Development applications and anticipated program of work.

It was discussed that if the PFI LC would like more recommendations from stakeholders on how to access the PFI funds, that it would not be wise to reduce the consortium member allocation. No action was taken.

Dreaming Erika shared that the 2012-13 program of work is moving forward smoothly, and she attributed that to the work done in 2011 PFI LC November meeting. She asked the secondary PFI LC members the evening prior to dream about how the Partnerships for Innovation could provide innovation in the Nebraska Career Education System. She reviewed those ideas with the large group, then provided markers for the entire Leadership Council to provide feedback on the sheets. The large group divided into subcommittees and generated ideas. Those are in the attachment provided.

Each group reported out their top 3 – 4 ideas that they felt PFI should address in the upcoming year.

Working Groups at November meeting

- Professional Development: Carol Andringa, John Blaylock & Kelly Clapp
- Programs of Study & Coordinated Curriculum: Jody Tomanek & Doug Kittle
- Delivery systems of CTE, including Career Academies: Dave Perkins (absent), Julie Otero and Dennis Headrick and Terry Gaalswyk.
- Economic and Workforce Development – Connie Eichhorn and Deb Brennan

The PFI LC will be requested to work in subcommittees to narrow their points to 1 – 2 priorities for the 2013 – 14 Program of Work.

The PFI LC meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM.