



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

August 5, 2016 11:00– 12:00 AM Central Time

Zoom Web Conferencing Software

Present: Dennis Headrick, Doug Kittle, Lori Biesecker, Kelly Clapp, Kim Dale, Connie Eichhorn, Jody Tomanek, John Blaylock, Deborah Brennan, Retha Dunn

Absent: Kelly Clapp, Deb Brennan

I. Welcome & Introductions.

II. Approval of June 7, 2016 Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve minutes. Motion passed.

III. Bi-monthly Directors Report

- **Budget:** Starting off the new year with \$521, 695.45, \$398,688 after the emergency funds and UI is deducted out (\$123,000). This does not include the Perkins money we will be receiving this fall. With all of the approved external funding applications for this next 18 months and the projects that PFI decided to fund in the next year we still have \$79,865 left to fund additional projects this year.
- **Teacher Focused Training Scholarships** will be open on Sept 9th and the application will close a few months later in Dec.
- **National Conference Scholarship** application closes on Sept 2. We will award 65, \$1,000 scholarships. The applicants will be notified by Sept. 7
- **Updates to the PD Application:** PD committee is meeting to go over some of the content that will be updated and changed. Once the suggestions are made, the PFI committee will get an opportunity to discuss and approve.
- Dennis and Retha have been working on improving the budget overview to include the YTD expended. That is something that we will have available to all PFI board members.

IV. Articles of Operation

Jody Tomanek and Julie Otero have been working on updating the Articles of Operation (AOO) and the proposed changes were sent out so all PFI board members could have a chance to review. The purpose of looking at updating the AOO is due to discussions at the June PFI meeting about changing some of the committees, rules to looked at that are not followed correctly, and any conflicting information listed in the AOO document.

We decided to put the comments and suggestions discussion time for the Articles of Operation on the October meeting agenda. Anyone who has comments of suggestions, please send them to Retha and she will compile them for the meeting.

V. Regional Communication: It might be smart to look at regionalizing our PFI representation so we can align more with WIOA, DOL, and NDE. Right now we have medium and large school representation, which makes it hard for our medium representation to communicate statewide to all medium schools. If we had regional representations, each region is in charge of communication regionally to each other and to all counterparts in that region about PFI and what is currently going on. It seems that currently, secondary representation is not really communicating to the prospective schools that they represent

(large, medium, etc..) it just goes as far as the person takes it. This is something that we should look at in regard to the AOO and WIOA.

VI. CTE Campaign Update: Still working on getting the request prepared to get the funds from PFI for the marketing campaign. The money is to be used to continue the campaign, there are not any other requirements. Kim is still waiting to get approval to get the money from PFI for the CTE Marketing Campaign. She needs to find out from the marketing company what they are suggesting and how much it will cost. PFI was hoping to extend the marketing activities for the next year with the \$100,000 left for the CTE Marketing Campaign.

VII. EMSI: The new contract for EMSI has been signed and HS users are now included in the contract. Our account manager suggested that since we have 7 log ins that are not being used it to have each CC have the HS login and give those out as the high school needs them. Our account manager Alys will conduct online trainings for anyone that needs them and they can contact her directly. Retha will send out her contact information to PFI and current EMSI users. She did prepare some brochures for the high schools explaining what EMSI is and how it can be used. These brochures can be sent to high schools to encourage them to want to use EMSI. The high schools that can use EMSI would be the high schools in each community college region and there would be one log in for all the high schools in that region. Retha will check to see if the single log in for the high schools can be used at the same time or if only 1 person can log in at a time. Retha will send out the brochures for EMSI to PFI board members.

A few questions left to determine: should the CC have the high schools code and should there be a contact person for EMSI at the CC or at the ESUs? Lori will reach out to see if ESUs would be interested in having a contact person for EMSI. PFI is going to look at making this a statewide benefit for high schools.

VII. Other Business

Old Business? Nothing new.

New Business? Retha will be traveling with NDE to do all of the stakeholder meetings this fall.

[Future Meeting Dates](#)

October 3, 2016 – Zoom Conference Meeting – 11:00 – 12:00 CST

Dec. 2, 2016 – CCC Grand Island – Face to Face – 10:00 – 3:00 PM

The room number is 522. The best door to enter will be through the Health Sciences door on the Southeast end of the building. Our address is 3134 W. Highway 34, Grand Island, NE 68801.