



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

February 5, 2016 10:00 – 11:30 AM Central Time

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Present: Dennis Headrick, Doug Kittle, Lori Biesecker, Carol Andringa, Kelly Clapp, Julie Otero, Jason Stratman, Connie Eichhorn, Jody Tomanek, Retha Dunn

Absent: Allyson Olson, John Blaylock, Deborah Brennan

I. Welcome & Introductions. Meet your new PFI Director

II. Approval of Dec. 4, 2015 Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve minutes. Motion passed.

III. Bi-Monthly Directors Report & Budget.

Bi-Monthly Directors Report & Budget was emailed out to LC before meeting for review. There were not any questions or concerns. Retha updated the budget to reflect current debits and credits. Retha will be reaching out to the Finance Leadership Council.

IV. Professional Development Updates

- Nebraska Think Advanced Manufacturing Fall 2016 - Retha met with Linda Black to start planning the THINK: Advanced Manufacturing event to be held in fall of 2016. The format will replicate the THINK: IT project that was previously done; simulcast business panel, etc... This project is still in the first stages of planning.
- Developmental Ed Conference – Retha reached out to the project manager, Phip Ross at SCC and the project is back on track. Phip asked for Retha to help with the event planning aspects; food, hotel, etc... This project is slated to occur on Oct. 7-8 and the website for this project is about done. Phip and his colleagues on the project are gathering additional info to have added to the website
- PLTW summer trainings – PLTW will still do reimbursement for summer trainings. It will not include Gateway summer training for middle school as the grant was written for high school.
- NCE Conference – Breakout sessions, suggestions – Carol and Connie suggested having a general PFI information session such as current projects, PD Applications, benefits, what we do, who we are etc... Dennis suggested having a session on Dual credits as the guidelines are changing. The dual credit information presented at NCE would benefit HS and CC. Dennis is not volunteering for the session, but knows some folks that could present on this. Retha is meeting with Rich Katt to determine what will be presented.
- Projects that are not currently being worked on or that Retha doesn't have much information on:
IT Training for HS Teachers – This is part of the vision summit that was held in December and more work to be done on this in the summer.

PD Needs Assessment – IT came forward in June meeting in a small group conversation. IT was an item that Erika brought to the table. Not much knowledge on this. Going to wait and see on this. We want to know what PD people want, whether that is checking with community colleges or asking NDE if they have any insight on professional development needs or how do we find this out. We only know what people want when they come to us, so it is important to find out what the education community is wanting in regard to PD. Retha will talk with Rich about this when they meet.

V. External PD Applications – Now Available!

- Timeline – We have received an application that requires spring work with summer implementation. The application proposal brings together high school, community colleges, and local businesses to provide hands on, real world applications with a focus on Math, Science and English and how those subjects are used in the “real world”. With the current timeline of application notification in June, this will not allow for any approved applicants to get much summer work done. Leadership Council decided that it would not be fair to approve an application early if we cannot approve all applications early. Discussed options for moving up the approval timelines.

Leadership Council decided that the deadline for applications would still be March 30, but if the PD committee was willing to read and score applications from March 31 – April 7 then the Leadership Council could vote on them at our next meeting. Members in attendance approved this process contingent than the 3 absent members were available for this new timeline. Retha will confirm via email. If everyone can meet on April 8 to discuss approval of applications, then Retha will send new calendar invites, change the timeline on the application and website and send out an email to all educators in Mail Chimp letting everyone know of the adjusted timeline for PD Application approval.

LC discussed the next scheduled face to face meeting. Retha said that she has it as Friday May 27 which is the Friday before Labor Day weekend. Retha asked LC if there was a better day and time. LC suggested having the face to face meeting in Kearney during the NCE conference since everyone will be there. Proposed time is 3:30 on June 7 at CCC. Retha will check with absent LC members to make sure that this works.

Proposed new meeting dates:

Friday April 8, 2016 10:30 am – 12:00 pm, Zoom

Tuesday June 7, 2016 3:30 pm - 8:30 pm, CCC in Kearney

Vi. Other Business

- Old Business
\$100,000 on Program of Work for marketing. Currently the community colleges are doing marketing and Western CC is actually taken the lead on marketing. The initial thought was to use the same firm since some of the pieces are already in place by current marketing firm. Retha received the PR Marketing Director information to look at more of what they are doing.
- New Business – During the legislative session, Erika used to bring relevant issues to LC attention. Council would like that. Dennis recommended reaching out to Rich Katt for K-12 legislative bills and Dennis Baak for CC legislation.
- Request for a new computer (\$1,000 - \$1,500) for Retha and \$35 reimbursement for Internet. Vote to approve, second by Jason. All in favor, passed.

[Future Meeting Dates](#)

April 8, 2016

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10:30 am – 12:00 pm, Central Time

June 7, 2016

CCC Kearney Center

3:30 pm – 8:30 pm, Central Time