Educational Resources Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 2, 2024 10:30 AM
Zoom
6949 South 110th Street
LaVista, NE 68128

1. Call to Order
   Committee Chair
2. Roll Call
   Committee Chair
3. Agenda Item
   Committee Chair
   3.1. CEO Report

   3.2. Special Populations
       Committee Chair
       3.2.1.   NDE Special Education Update
           Amy Rhone
       3.2.2.   ESPD Report
           Tami Clay
       3.2.3.   SRS Staff Report
           Scott Isaacson
           3.2.3.1.   Project Para Report
               Scott Isaacson
   3.3. PDO (Professional Development Organization)
       Committee Chair
       3.3.1.   SDA Report
           SDA Affiliate Chair Amy Schultz
       3.3.2.   PDO Planning
           CEO Polk
       3.3.3.   NDE Updates
           Shirley Vargas
       3.3.4.   Digital Learning Report
           Andrew Easton
       3.3.5.   BITS/BIRTS
           CEO Polk/Isaacson
       3.3.6.   Textbook Loan
           CEO Polk
4. Next Meeting Agenda Items
   Committee Chair
5. Adjournment
   Committee Chair

SRS Staff Report

October, 2024

SRS

A software update to SRS will be released in December, 2024 during the winter break. This will include necessary updates to the operating environment of the system and enhancements to the IEP form designed and finalized by the SRS advisory team at its September meeting. We will facilitate thorough internal (ESUCC team) and external (ESU and school partners) testing before the release.

213 districts are using SRS for their ADVISER special education data reporting. As of October 1st, 209 districts have published at least some data.

Project Para

Project Para is moving to using Canvas Catalog for its registration process. The course content in Canvas will be the same, and the para course will be split into 3 courses to simplify the para navigating the path to completion for Title I, Special Education and Early Childhood specialties. The new registration process was opened with a "soft" launch October 1st, meaning that it was not announced publicly, but made available to a few users for testing. Once we are confident the new system is working well, we will close registrations in the previous system and direct all new registrations to the new system.

The NDE has a contract with Central Community College to update some of the course content, and our Canvas team will be involved to incorporate those updates and other modernizations into the courses. These updates will be released at a strategic time when they are ready, perhaps summer 2025.

Ed Resources Committee Report

PROJECT NAME: Digital Learning, Distance Learning, and Communication

PROJECT DIRECTOR: Andrew Easton

REPORT PERIOD: September 2024

COMMITTEE REPORT: DIGITAL LEARNING COORDINATOR

Digital Learning Efforts (Organized alphabetically by initiative)

- **Artificial Intelligence**
  - Presentations
    - Scheduled to Present on AI for an ESU 1 and ESU 8 Superintendents' Meeting (10/16)
    - Scheduled to Keynote on AI for an ESU 3 SLP Conference (11/14)
    - Scheduled to Co-Present on AI at NASB's Pre-Conference (11/20)
  - No state guidance on AI was released this summer
    - 23 States currently have AI guidance
    - I would recommend viewing North Carolina's for reference
  - **Writing & AI**: Currently collaborating with Sarah Essay (ESU 10), Katrina Gotschall (ESU 8), and Crystal Ernst (ESU 2) on a "Writing and AI" resource
    - In collaboration with individuals from Michigan Virtual, the North Carolina Dept of Public Instruction, and Peru State College
    - Major revision to the look of the communication piece
    - Created the Streamyard branding and began scheduling eight, 8-10 minute-long videos on Writing and AI

- **BIT & Teacher Support Act**
  - Access the BIT one-pager+FAQ for details…
    - **Copy made available to districts**
      - Note: Several Updates Have Been Made
    - Copy for ESU personnel ONLY
  - Access the BIT Communication Poster for the ESUCC vendor booth at events
  - Developing this slide deck for communicating the BIT during NASB Conference

- o For districts interested in recording teacher progress digitally, I collaborated with Laurie Kerr at ESU 3 on building a sharable SCORM (content package)
  - ▪ Email for Details
- o **Need: To identify LMHPs and a NePBIS rep for the BIT 2.0**
- o Please continue to provide us with feedback as we grow in our support of this effort

- ● **Communication, Professional Learning, and Presentations**
  - o TLT Leadership Meeting (9/11)
  - o Attended the first TLT AI training from Eric Curts (9/12)
  - o Attended the ESU3 ITUG meeting (9/24)
  - o Attended the NeMTSS Summit and promoted the podcast (9/26-27)
  - o Presented at the NASES fall conference in Lincoln on [Educator Wellness](#) (9/12)
  - o [Posted this on social media](#) to promote the [Cyber Incident Response Planning Workshop](#)
  - o Created the communication for the TLT "[Building Custom Chatbots](#)" training with Donnie Piercey
  - o Created the communication for the TLT "[Evolving at the Speed of AI](#)" trainings with Eric Curts

- ● **Digital Citizenship Symposium (2024)**
  - o All resources are available at [bit.ly/NEDigCit](#)
  - o Keynote: "You've Got the Power"
    - ▪ [Flyer for the 2024 DigCit Symposium](#) created by Peg Coover
  - o Ordered #NEDigCit Stickers for students at each event site
  - o Created [this social media promotion](#) for the DigCit Symposium event
  - o Posted a podcast to feature the DigCit keynote, Jen Casa-Todd and [promoted the effort and episode](#) on social media

- ● **Distance Learning, NVIS, and VFT**
  - o DL Coordinators' monthly meeting (9/30)
  - o Here's our 2024-2025 [Agenda](#)
    - ▪ **2024-2025 DL Coordinators' [Goal (and Action Steps)](#)**
    - ▪ **Developed the [2.0 Draft of our DL Needs Assessment](#) that will be sent to three specific stakeholder groups in November**
      - ● DL group provided feedback at 9/30 meeting
    - ▪ **Create an [Email List for Each Stakeholder Group](#)**
    - ▪ Additional pieces for communication and support of DL efforts
      - ● [Norms for On-Site Proctors and Special Education Staff](#)
      - ● [Terms of Service for the Sending and Receiving Site](#)
      - ● [Annual Planner of DL Coordinator Tasks](#)

- **Future Ready Nebraska Conference**
  - 2025 FR Nebraska Conference will take place at NDE on 6/2-3
    - Theme will be related to tech for accessibility
    - Targeting speakers: [Katie Novak](#) is a possibility as she is releasing a book with Catlin Tucker on best practices and AI

- **Nebraska PowerSchool Cooperative**
  - Began supporting Becky Sosalla and the NebPS Cooperative
  - [Shared this post](#) as a way to communicate the end of the reporting window for NebPS's member districts

- **Rule 84**
  - Invited to [the NeMTSS Summit](#) to Record Live Podcast Episodes with Presenters and Attendees (9/26-27)
  - Began planning for the 2025 Future Ready Nebraska Conference (9/13 and 9/24)

- **Social Studies Inquiry Project (Summer 2024)**
  - Over 85 inquiry units of study are **available**
  - Over 80 teachers were trained on [the C3 Inquiry Model](#) for Social Studies Instruction
  - **Access this** one-pager promoting the [Social Studies Inquiry Project](#) resources now available to educators
  - Created and [shared this post](#) communicating the SSIP resources

- **Textbook Loan Program**
  - Developed [this draft](#) of the textbook loan request form
  - Developed [this slide deck](#) for our first meeting with non-publics on Oct 8th
  - Met with Scott Isaacson on the development of the TLP order form
  - Second Zoom meeting with non-publics tentatively scheduled for Dec 17