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“A leader is the one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.”
-John C. Maxwell

FACS reVision: 1 Year Later

Almost one year ago a diverse group of Nebraska Family and Consumer Sciences teachers and leaders met in Grand Island to discuss the future of Family and Consumer Sciences in Nebraska. This meeting became lovingly known as FACS reVision.

The meeting provided us the opportunity to look at the current status of Nebraska FACS and how best to move forward. Out that meeting, a variety of ideas and efforts were initiated. Those of you who attended Fall Workshops heard me discuss this. However, I wanted to take an opportunity to reflect on where we are now, one year later.

The biggest areas of concern that came out of that weekend were:

- Shortage of FACS teachers
- Resource organization and lesson plan availability on

the NDE website

- Integration of FCCLA into the classroom
- Developing relationships within the profession to provide support and mentorship

With that being said, our efforts over the last 11 months have been focused on these areas of concern. As we continue to plan for NCE Conference and Fall Workshops, these initiatives will be a large part of that planning.

In addition, a mission was developed by teachers. The mission serves as the filter through which decisions are made. Along with the Nebraska Department of Education mission, “To lead and support the preparation of all Nebraskans for learning, earning, and living,” this will guide our efforts here at NDE.



Mission

Nebraska Family and Consumer Sciences integrates family and career readiness with technical skill instruction within a critical science perspective. As a result, our students are empowered to navigate the challenges of living and working in diverse communities, while striving for a high quality of life.

As a FACS professional, you play a vital role in helping us continue to improve. I would truly appreciate any feedback you may have as we work together to improve Family and Consumer Sciences in Nebraska.

Call to Action

Help us build our bank of resources and lesson plans by submitting new ideas for the website. For details on how to submit, please contact Whitney Antons at whitney.antons@nebraska.gov

CSO Spotlight

FCCLA

The next #sotchattime will take place on Thursday with Cole Talbert, Vice President of National Programs. The chat will take place on Twitter from 7:00-8:00 PM CST, during which Cole will be available to answer questions about National Programs, content, recognition, and evaluation.