

NCTE STANDING COMMITTEE 'A' MINUTES

Standing Committee: Committee 'A'

Date: October 9, 2015

Location: The Cornhusker Marriott – Yankee Hill I

The meeting was called to order at 12:45 by _____

Secretary: Please take attendance and indicate any absences, alternates, or guests.

District	Name	Present/Absent	Designated Alternate Member Present	Guest
8	Adler, Mark	x		
8	Barnes, Paul	x		
8	Blakely, Dana	x		
5	Bork, Ron	x		
2	Casey, Diana	x		
7	Coe, Travis	x		
3	Evanich, Sue	x		
3	Freese, Debra	x		
1	Heibel, Matt	x		
5	Marymee, Fran	x		
6	Mathews, Katie	x		
1	Peters, Kevin	x		
3	Spethman, Phyllis	absent		
1	Stake, Susan	x		
3	Vlach, Jim	x		
1	White, Denise	x		
	Kathleen Wheeler			x
	Jansky, Jenny			x
	Zeller, LaWayne			x

Officers: Chair – Mark Adler

Vice Chair – Diana Casey

Secretary – Denise White

Business Conducted:

1. Introductions: Welcome to new Committee 'A' members: Dana Blakely, Paul Barnes, and Matt Heibel

2. Approval of Standing Committee 'A' Minutes from June 12, 2015 meeting

Motion by Coe, seconded by Matthews. Minutes approved.

3. Election of Chair for 2015-2016

Motion by Marymee, seconded by Freese for Katie Mathews as committee chair for 2015-16.

Vote taken and approved. Committee chair is Katie Mathews.

4. Discussion / response to Commissioner Blomstedt's Opening Message:

Discussing the 6 areas mentioned in his message:

- Higher Ed and EDU partnerships – more collaboration would be helpful
- There were some questions regarding some of the surveys which would need to be addressed in another forum
- The Co-teaching model is a current trend and we should look at effectiveness of this model
- There is a need for Pre-school – all understanding and know thing the roles involved
- There is a need for more collaboration – equity – more communication for elementary programs
- Regarding transitions and effectiveness – beginning and the end. Suggestion: Master teacher certificate
- Mentoring programs: there is a need for this. Various examples of this either happens or doesn't happen

How can this be accomplished in the districts?

Discussion of additional areas and need for help and mentorship

Grading

Assessment

- Problem area: Respect level for teachers not as high
- There is a wide range of information necessary for educators

Themes that were discussed:

High quality mentoring (not just phase in)

Ongoing and continual professional development

(Back to lack of enough candidates – what to do!)

AQuESTT rating.....preliminary given already

Teachers and educators are more scientists than they used to be: use of data (continually evolving)

Use of data to impact learning

Strategies and interventions and how this looks

5. Discussion regarding proposed Middle Level subject endorsement

6. Discussion regarding School Counselor presentation / Please be prepared to report outcome of this discussion to the Full Council. (Also pass around Sign-Up Sheet for School Counselor endorsement *ad hoc* committee - proposed for late fall/early spring).

7. Discussion / recommendation to full council on the following Rule 24 issues:

- **Prekindergarten definition:** Need to look at the ramifications of definitions regarding age levels when working on endorsement changes. Need to map out the ripple effect of these changes with other Rules that are in effect.
- **Speech Language Pathology clinical experience requirement – 400 clock hours vs. student teaching requirement – 560 hours**

8. Brainstorm future NCTE Discussion topics related to teacher preparation and teacher certification to move Purposes of NCTE forward and best support NCTE Membership in their role as an advisory body to the Nebraska State Board of Education.

9. Model Code of Ethics for Educators (MCEE) – National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification – Volunteers needed to participate in NCTE Discussion Group

10. Meeting adjourned at _____ .

Standing Committee Recommendations for presentation to Full Council:

Minutes submitted by: Denise White