

NCTE STANDING COMMITTEE 'C' MINUTES

Standing Committee: Committee 'C'

Date: March 18, 2016

Location: The Country Inn & Suites

The meeting was called to order at 11:40 by D. Moss.

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

District	Name	Present/Absent	Designated Alternate Member Present	Guest
8	Acklie, Dee	Present		
6	Bird, Dan	Absent	Nicole Regan	
2	Bohn, Paul	Absent		
5	Brown, Sarah	Present		
6	Feinstein, Sheryl	Present		
	Illich, Paul	Absent		
8	Jankovich, Doreen	Present		
1	Katt, Sharon	Present		
5	Kunkel, Ellie	Present		
3	Lenihan, Mark	Present		
7	Mihm, Linda	Present		
5	Moss, Donna	Present		
4	Ponec, Deb	Present		
6	Rempp, Kass	Present		
4	Tebbe, Michelle	Present		
TBD	TBD			

**Officers: Chair – Donna Moss
 Vice Chair – Mark Lenihan
 Secretary – Dee Acklie**

Business Conducted:

1. Introductions:

2. Approval of Standing Committee 'C' Minutes from October 9, 2015 meeting:

Jankovich motioned, Ponec seconded. Minutes approved

3. Nominations for 2016-2017 Standing Committee Officers

Motion by Ponec, seconded by Feinstein to keep current officers for another term. Approved
 Chair – D. Moss, Vice Chair – M. Lenihan, Secretary – D. Acklie

4. Discussion / response to Higher Education presentations

The presentations by Midland and Peru State were greatly appreciated. Questions were asked concerning Peru's location and population.

NCTE participants missed visiting the other campuses around the state. Could we do rotations of other schools or perhaps have various groups participate according to a theme? There could be panel discussion with topics such as do-student teaching, teacher supply, reviewing endorsements from neighboring states and comparing them to NE, mentorships, a shared responsibility to keep students in the NE public schools, or contractual partnerships with agencies, ESU and districts.

5. Discussion / response to 'AQuESTT Intersection of Educator Preparation' handout – No Discussion on this topic

Priority Tenets for discussion:

- **Educational Opportunities and Access**
- **Educator Effectiveness**

Implications for teacher preparation and certification:

Next steps for NCTE regarding AQuESTT:

6. Guided Discussion - Curriculum Supervisor endorsement revisions / suggestions:

Should the Curriculum Supervisor be offered as an administrative or a teaching endorsement? Discussion centered on clarification and how the districts use this position. Does the name Curriculum 'Supervisor' indicate administration? Does a curriculum supervisor evaluate staff—if so, then by law it must be an administrative certificate. Could this endorsement be called something else, such as Teacher-Leader, Instructional Facilitator, or Instructional Coach?

An endorsement that could work either as administrative or a teaching endorsement could be a possible option. However, the responsibilities for each kind of certificate would need to correlate with Section D of NSSRS—NDE staff manual.

Can teachers be curriculum supervisors or is an administrative degree necessary? This clearly needs to be examined so that graduates can understand what each certification means and the limitations of each kind of certificate. In addition, there is a need to look at the administrators vs. coach relationships. Credibility and peer relationships are built in the Marzano framework. The guidance and improvement within professional growth versus the appraisal of duties or evaluation of teachers done by administration needs to be clearly defined for the category of pay and roles within the districts as defined within the Rule.

The term 'supervisor' seems to be confusing. Smaller schools probably do not have a curriculum supervisor, but have teachers who fill that role in the school, being paid on the teacher salary base. The history of this endorsement, along with SPED Director history was explained. The primary question seems to be, "What is the difference between the duties/education of these individuals?" More input is needed to answer this properly.

7. Middle Level endorsement / Content Test or Pedagogy Test:

There was opposition to both tests in varying degrees. The pedagogy test is not present in any other area—why only with the Middle Level endorsement? Taking the content test in the 4 main areas should suffice.

8. Discussion - Proposed School Counselor endorsement revisions / suggestions:

Changes in the endorsement are being driven by a lack of school counselors, mental health and differences in counselor roles based on the age of students.

Removing the 2-year teaching experience from the endorsement was dismissed at the last review. Many states have now dropped that requirement. It has now been dropped out of the current proposal. The *Ad Hoc* committee determined that anyone with a teaching endorsement could go back to school and add a School Counselor endorsement through the masters process (traditional pathway). The alternate pathway would be to get a BA in anything and then earn a masters to become a school counselor. In addition 150 clock hours of field work would be needed in lieu of teacher education. These candidates would still be required to do all clinical hours with the degree. This is based on national standards for school counseling.

The profiles of individuals currently asking about the degree and no pathway are individuals who are community health counselors working with children and adolescents who want to become school counselors, or individuals moving into the state from other states with counseling experience but no teaching experience.

There was discussion that 150 hours was not enough. Institutions that don't offer the degree feel they need more information before the June NCTE meeting. How can this be accomplished?

Would like to see how actual school counselors view this endorsement, and how it aligns with national accreditation. The current endorsement is out of sync with national practices.

9. Summary of Working Lunch conversations – Topic for NCTE to be concerned with or thinking about for 2016-2017 and beyond.

10. Meeting adjourned at:

Standing Committee Recommendations for presentation to Full Council:

Minutes submitted by: Dee Acklie, Secretary