

**CNETC MINUTES OF GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 12, 2003**

**ATTENDING:** STEVE COOK, SUPERINTENDENT, MINERAL COUNTY S. D.  
WANDA DAPRON, ESERALDA COUNTY S. D.  
TRACIEE SHARP, ESERALDA COUNTY S. D.  
BILL SWAGER, LYON COUNTY S. D.  
NYKKI HOLTON, ASST. SUPERINTENDENT, LINCOLN COUNTY S. D.  
JACQUE EWING-TAYLOR, PROJECT DIRECTOR  
LAMONT JOHNSON, UNR GOVERNANCE BOARD REPRESENTATIVE  
KEN GIBSON, CNETC WEBMASTER, UNR  
MARY JOHNSON, UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO  
KIM VIDONI, INDEPENDENT EVALUATOR  
MARK KNUDSON, NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

**ABSENT:** NYE COUNTY S. D.  
PERSHING COUNTY S. D.

**MINUTES:** *PLEASE NOTE THE BOLDFACED BULLETED ITEMS AND  
ALSO PLEASE PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS.*

**I. RECENT TRAINING SESSIONS**

**District Train-the Trainer**

Jacque reported that we have now completed four training sessions—two at Tonopah High School conducted by LaMont Johnson on WebQuests and two at Lovelock, February 10 and 11, conducted by Shelly from Lovelock.

Kim Vidoni presented the evaluation summary of the two Tonopah sessions. She pointed out that the consensus was that the trainer had demonstrated a thorough knowledge of his subject, that the participants enjoyed sharing ideas, and that the least favorable aspect of the training was the distance traveled in order to participate. She also pointed out that district trainers want to learn about software specific to their needs.

**Trainings within Districts**

Shelly Parrish and Russell Fecht held two, half-day trainings in their district on I-Movie; Wanda DaPron and Traciee Sharp held a training in their district on WebQuests.

- **LaMont mentioned that we need to know about trainings within each district *in advance* so that the teachers receiving training can apply for**

**credit. In some districts there is a representative that can help with registration for UNR credit. He suggested notifying Jacque at least one week to ten days in advance. He also mentioned that we have to have the results of all trainings (grades, etc.) in to Continuing Education by the middle of May. We also have to have the evaluation forms from each of these trainings. Evaluation and training forms are on the first CD that each trainer received. District trainers are again reminded to schedule trainings through their superintendents.**

## **II. CNETC WEB PAGE**

Thanks to Ken Gibson, the CNETC Web site is up and running. There is a contacts page for the districts and the Governance Board and pictures from the various trainings (Lovelock pictures are forthcoming).

- **The URL for the CNETC Web page is <http://www.unr.edu/cnetc>**

Our thought was to password protect the needs assessment material. However, there was consensus to remove the password protection.

## **III. REMAINING TRAINING SESSIONS**

The remaining three CNETC training sessions have been scheduled as follows:

- **May 1, Reno, on Inspiration software**
- **May 28 & 29, Tonopah, on troubleshooting, Bill Doherty, TMCC**

For the May 28-29 training, Bill will dismantle part of his lab and haul it to Tonopah. TMCC's system will be set up to fail so the trainers can learn to troubleshoot the problems. Such areas as printing and software problems will be covered.

## **IV. LYON COUNTY REPLACEMENT TRAINER**

Kimi Smith had been scheduled to take Pam Tognoli's place as the third Lyon County district trainer. However, Kimi later had to decline. We need to know if Lyon County intends to replace Kimi. Jim Berryman Schaeffer, of Silver Springs, was suggested as an excellent replacement.

## V. COMPUTER-TO-TELEVISION HOOKUPS

Wanda DaPron of Esmeralda County mentioned that they need six computer-to-TV hookups.

- **Nykki Holton of Lincoln County volunteered to give Esmeralda two. The four remaining will be purchased by the project.**

Mark suggested that this purchase is a good use of professional development funds and that that language should be used in the report for this purchase, since 80% of the project funds must be used for professional development.

- **WebWhacker will be purchased for each school in our six member districts, as well as for each district trainer.**

WebWhacker allows a teacher to download an entire Web site and maintains the integrity of the links. Also teachers are able to delete verbage they don't want students to see.

## VI. TOPS

Dave Dispensa of Nye County has asked to take the TOPs (Technology Opportunities for Parents) training on as a project. He has e-mailed Jacque a number of suggested dates that will be cleared through each district. Each district will receive at least one TOPs training. Dave would prefer to do two trainings on a Saturday, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, to allow for parent participation.

Jacque will be asking each of the districts for help in getting the word out to parents via a brochure that will be mailed to districts for distribution to parents. She mentioned that TOPs will have to be the most flexible component in our grant since there are hardware and other issues to be considered in each district.

## VII. NEXT GRANT

Jacque expressed her desire to obtain the RFP and get started on the new grant application as soon as possible.

Mark suggested that the RFP would not likely be available by June 30 because of the time it takes for Congress to make appropriations, etc., and that we should go forward with preparing the grant based on this past year with the idea that it is possible that the next round of grants will be multiyear (however, without the guarantee of funding from year to year).

Mark also stated that he would collaborate with potential grantees before he writes the actual RFP so that applicants will have the opportunity for input. However, He stated that it would be much longer, more detailed, and much more on evaluation than the previous RFP.

Mark mentioned that he has received several e-mails from Douglas and Churchill County school districts expressing a desire to be part of our consortium.

- **It was determined that the discussion of whether to allow Douglas and Churchill counties to become part of CNETC would be tabled for the consortium's last Governance Board meeting, on May 14 in Reno, when all six superintendents will have the opportunity to provide their input.**

LaMont Johnson will be conducting the last Governance Board meeting as Jacques will be out of the country. The two main items for discussion will be the Churchill/Douglas question and the future direction of the grant.

## **VIII. OTHER BUSINESS**

Mark brought up three professional development opportunities for consideration by the districts:

- a. Connected University.** The Nevada Department of Education will pay for district membership in this full-year professional development opportunity. Each account costs \$200. There are approximately 77 online courses and tutorials available. Each district has been given a number of accounts and will be contacted by Mark through e-mail.
- b. Utah Department of Education.** They want out-of-state reviewers for their No Child Left Behind grant applications and are asking Nevada representatives to review grants on February 26-27 in Mesquite, Nevada (changed to St. George recently). There is a \$200 stipend and all expenses paid for reviewers. If you are interested, contact Mark.
- c. Nevada Technology Leadership Conference, March 22-23.** Nevada DOE has a grant that will pay for travel and meals for one teacher and one administrator from every school in the state. Christy Falba, Clark County School District, is chair of the conference: (702) 799-5443

