

**CENTRAL NEVADA EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY CONSORTIUM  
MINUTES OF GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING, OCTOBER 28, 2003**

**ATTENDANCE:**

CHURCHILL COUNTY: Donn Livoni, Superintendent, Churchill County School District

LYON COUNTY: Bill Swager, Lyon CNETC Representative

LINCOLN COUNTY: Lorell Bleak, Superintendent, Lincoln County School District (via video conferencing)

LINCOLN COUNTY: Nykki Holton, Assistant Superintendent, Lincoln County School District (via video conferencing)

NYE COUNTY: Ginger Olson, Nye CNETC Representative (via video conferencing)

PERSHING COUNTY: Amanda Burrows, Pershing CNETC Representative

UNR: Jacque Ewing-Taylor, LaMont Johnson, Ken Gibson, John Davidson, Mary Johnson

MINERAL COUNTY: Not Represented

DOUGLAS COUNTY: Not Represented

**Highlights of Our 2004/2005 CNETC Proposal - Jacque**

- With the addition of Churchill and Douglas counties to our Consortium, the number of children served has increased by 56%, the number of teachers served has increased by 68%, and the number of workshops and training sessions we propose has increased by 148%. The two-year total amount proposed was \$916,128.47.
- Equipment proposed for 2004 included two laptops for each district, an LCD projector for each district, and PDAs for the district trainers (which already have been purchased). This is a first-year expenditure of roughly \$64,000. This equipment purchase will resolve the problem that district trainers experienced last year because of antiquated or incompatible equipment.
- There will be 18 District Trainers (annual cost roughly \$90,000), who will provide the districts with a minimum of 8 workshops each. They may collaborate on some trainings. They also may ask for mentors from other counties to assist with some. Each district trainer will be financially covered for two mentoring trips per year (cost \$9,000).
- We have lost Kim Vidoni as our external evaluator. Kim is planning to graduate on move on to other adventures. She will be replaced by Norma Velasquez-Bryant, whose contact information is listed on the CNETC website.

- Mark Knudson, State Department, stated that we should hear on our proposal by November 21. He also said that we will get ample dollars to support our Consortium with the addition of Churchill and Douglas counties.

### **UNR CREDIT – LAMONT**

Credit has now been set up for our district trainers and those they train. District trainers through their participation in the Train-the Trainer Workshops can earn as many as six credits for the two semesters (Fall 2003/Spring 2004). Teachers in the districts can earn one credit for participating in every two district trainings. Mary Johnson has sent out all registration materials and instructions to each district trainer.

### **EVALUATION, IITTL SURVEY – KEN**

We have just over a 50% response rate on our online survey for teachers in all eight CNETC districts. Douglas County School district was the only one under the 50%. It was requested that the superintendents/representatives lean on the teachers to get an even better response. Norma Velasquez-Bryant will get us a quick and dirty summary at our next meeting.

Seven responses need to be subtracted from Lincoln, as their administrators also took the survey. They have 81 teachers. They had one school that did not participate because of technical problems; however, they will get their T-1 line up and running so that those teachers can participate.

Bill Swagger, Lyon County, reported that their request was sent on to Sean Moyle, Associate Superintendent, and he sent it straight to all the district principals.

Ginger Olson, Nye County, reported that each school received flyers. When she became our CNETC representative, she followed up with an e-mail. Some of their teachers questioned why they should take their time to complete the survey. However, according to our data, 178 teachers took the time from Nye County. For some reason we did not have Nye's Early Childhood Center listed, so it was agreed to add it and see if we could get a quick turnaround response from that school, as the deadline is fast approaching (October 31).

### **TOPS (TECHNOLOGY OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENTS) – JACQUE**

Nye County has been heavily involved with our TOPs program. For most districts, getting this program off the ground has been delayed for a variety of reasons. Dave Dispensa, Nye County, has been conducting trainings in conjunction with the Even Start program, which has facilitated targeting the right audience and having childcare provided during the trainings.

A training is currently being planned for Esmeralda County. Todd Wright has been asked to do some TOPs trainings in Fernley, and we should be getting some going there in November.

The idea is to get basic technology training to parents who need it. For trainings in Lincoln County, Nykki Holton needs to be contacted by telephone, as they do not have an Even Start program in Lincoln County for childcare./

#### **FUTURE MEETINGS – JOHN**

We want to return to having our Governance Board meetings in conjunction with the monthly superintendents meetings held at Washoe County School District. They will therefore be held at UNR for approximately one hour on the following dates:

**DECEMBER 18** (Thursday), 1:30 p.m.

**FEBRUARY 5** (Thursday), 1:30 p.m.

**APRIL 1** (Thursday), 1:30 p.m.

**JUNE 14** (Thursday), 1:30 p.m.

#### **GOOD NEWS – NEW GRANT**

Jacque, LaMont, and another UNR professor were responsible for writing a new \$1.6 million PT3 grant (Preparing Tomorrow's Teachers to Use Technology) that is designed to bring technology-proficient pre-service teachers to rural Nevada. The project is called TITE-N (Technology in Teacher Education – Nevada). We receive word that UNR was one of 25 applicants to receive the award. A Web site is available online at [www.unr.edu/titen](http://www.unr.edu/titen) .