

MINUTES EDUCATION COUNCIL

January 25-26, 2017
Ridgefield, WA

Dennis Plubell—Chair, Debbie Hendrickson—Recording Secretary, Patti Revolinski; Keith Waters; Melissa Akers; Gary Brown; Holley Bryant; Ann Campbell; Sheri Crooker; Robert Cushman; Roberta DeWeber; Denise Dunzweiler; Angela Fleck; Patrick Frey; Stephanie Gates; Spencer Hannah; Archie Harris; Brian Harris; Adria Hay; Phil Hudema; Ron Jacaban; Jeff Jackson; Angela Johnston; Michael Lee; Jordan Lindsay; Larry Marsh; Becky Meharry; Dan Nicola; Gayle Norton; Ric Peinado; Rod Rau; Mark Remboldt; Joel Reyes; Tom Roosma; Jerry Russell; John Soule, Rochelle Stanton, Marvin Thorman, Randy Thornton, Ed Tillotson; Michelle Wachter; Crysti Wallace; Adam Weeks; Angela White; Susan Winchester; John Winslow; Dan Wister.

Guests: Karen Carlton (WA)

Wednesday afternoon Dennis Plubell opened with prayer and welcomed members, gave an appeal to collaborative engagement and then led in personal introductions. Thursday morning John Freedman, NPUC President, gave the devotional sharing his faith journey.

The Consent Agenda included a review of brief reports on the following.

1. Minutes of the NPUC Education Council—January, 2016
2. NPUC Opening Enrollment Report for 2016-17
3. NPUC Two-Year Calendar of Education Meetings/Events
4. Don Keele Award Recipients—2016
5. Caring Heart Award Recipients—2016
6. NPUC School Commission Report for 2015-2016

VOTED to approve the 2016 NPUC Education Council minutes as presented.

Throughout the Council each conference gave a short inspiring student story to maintain focus on the core reason for why we invest time and resources in the programs, practices, and policies that make up our agenda.

Discussion of a recommendation from the recently concluded Curriculum Committee on the timing of these two meetings resulted in no action, but a plea to maintain the connection with WWU's Friendship Tournament.

MEMBERS PRESENT

WELCOME AND DEVOTIONAL

CONSENT AGENDA

2016 MINUTES EC 17:01

CONFERENCE REPORTS

DATES FOR CURRICULUM COMMITTEE & EDUCATION COUNCIL

Fall Leadership Retreat, 2017 will take place in Bozeman, Montana, Monday, September 18 to Wednesday, September 20, with conference superintendents staying through Thursday, September 21. The delay in starting from Sunday to Monday is to accommodate the scheduled Oregon Conference Constituency meeting (Sun, Sept 17).

FALL LEADERSHIP RETREAT, 2017

Continuing Education Units (CEUs) have replaced PACs for reporting professional growth activities for teachers to renew their certification. A presentation and handouts were provided by Debbie Hendrickson to facilitate the transition in 2017.

CEUs—CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS

In March, 2017, every NPUC conference has been invited to send two representatives (an administrative assistant and superintendent) for an NAD-paid and sponsored training on Data Rollup to improve procedures and provide support to schools.

NAD REGIONAL DIGITAL TRAINING

Questions and answers regarding a transition in regional accreditation from NWAC to Middle States Association (MSA) and details of a training session at WWU on Monday afternoon, January 31 was shared.

NEW REGIONAL ACCREDITATION - MSA

Details of the VersaFund for Technology grants were shared with encouragement to make application for the technology funding.

VERSAFUND FOR TECHNOLOGY

Bob Cushman presented a report on noteworthy WWU programs and activities on campus and highlighted academic statistics that show trends in enrollment, Education major enrollment for this year, etc. He shared that is getting harder every year to get all the requirements for Education majors into four years. He also gleaned feedback on what WWU can do to better prepare teachers.

WWU REPORT

Denise Dunzweiler, Dean of the School Education and Psychology, shared news of changes in programs and personnel, highlighting the plans for a Special Education program beginning this Fall, 2017.

Archie Harris, the NPUC representative on NAD TDEC, presented highlights from the Fall, 2016, meeting including a new video report that can be used in schools. (See the TDEC site at the NAD website: <http://tdec.nadeducation.org/news/tdec-report-2016-17-1/>)

NAD TDEC REPORT

Adam Fenner presented by GoToMeeting® the resources of ALC—The Adventist Learning Community to support teacher professional growth. He also highlighted the new “iBelieve” Bible website, a web series for youth and young adults who want to dig deeper into the issues of faith and spirituality.

ADVENTIST LEARNING COMMUNITY

An Education Code Challenge utilized digital voting devices this year so each attendee could participate in the Code Quiz led by Dennis Plubell.

EDUCATION CODE CHALLENGE

VOTED, to recommend to NPUC Board of Education the following revised Education Code sections dealing with finances.

- 5215 Salary Wage Scale
- 5230 Hourly Wage Scale
- 5350 Per Diem Rates
- 5365 Mileage Reimbursement Rates

“Beyond the Bottom Line,” a conference for denominational financial leaders, is occurring in Portland, OR, this spring. Mark Remboldt encouraged attendees to participate and/or send someone from their school or conference.

A report of two new conference initiatives in the Washington (WAC) and Oregon (ORC) Conferences featured Sheri Crooker, a teacher coach, in her new assignment in WAC, and Angela White gave an update on the “Together As One” initiative bringing together pastors and educators in a large conference setting.

Rob Thomas, of La Sierra University, shared via GoToMeeting® the early findings of the Physical Genesis program, changes to this year’s study, and encouragement for all schools to make participation integral to their current PE program.

Brian Harris, WWVA principal, gave an engaging report on the Lego Robotics meet that they hosted for the first time in 2016. The meet in 2017 occurs in about a month, Sunday, February 26, and is sponsored jointly by WWVA, WWU and the NPUC Office of Education.

Golda Pflugrad, ECEC Coordinator, joined the NPUC Office of Education team about 7 months ago. She shared her background, vision for Early Childhood Education and Care, and about the ECEC directors workshop she is planning for June 25-26, 2017.

The 2018 NAD Teachers Convention is a year and a half away. A reminder of the cost sharing support for NPUC teacher attendance highlighted that most cost increases (registration, per diem, hotel, etc.) fall under NPUC expenses. Begin shopping for airfares, the primary expense to conferences. The dates are August 6 – 9, 2018.

The Federal regulations to raise the minimum salary as extensively shared at the Fall Retreat with administrators has been halted by a federal judge. It is anticipated that the current administration will not revive the regulations at this time.

The report from the NAD Education Taskforce was included in the materials shared, but no presentation or discussion was provided at this time. Members were encouraged to review that report.

**NPUC EDUCATION CODE
FINANCIAL PROPOSALS
FOR 2017
EC 17:02**

**BEYOND THE BOTTOM
LINE**

**NEW CONFERENCE
INITIATIVES (ORC/WAC)**

PHYSICAL GENESIS

LEGO ROBOTICS

NPUC ECEC LEADERSHIP

**2018 NAD TEACHER’S
CONVENTION PLANNING**

**FINAL RULE ON
MINIMUM SALARY &
STUDENT LABOR
(USDOL)**

**NAD EDUCATION
TASKFORCE REPORT**

A report of the impact of the PFE/ASSIST Program – a scholarship program for intergenerational service – was shared. The NPUC has donated to the overhead expenses. The follow-up discussion yielded a request for the NPUC Office of Education to explore the possibilities of a west coast venue for the mandatory summer training program for school coordinators.

PFE/ASSIST PROGRAM

ENCOUNTER for the elementary level will be ready for classroom implementation for the 2018-19 school year. In April 2017, a lead-teacher “Train the Trainer” meeting will be held in Ontario, CA along with teacher from the Pacific Union. Arrangements have been made, through the generosity of NAD, to provide the elementary teachers with a face-to-face In-Service on the new *Encounter* Bible program. Conferences have selected their 2-day training dates, with the majority occurring during the winter/spring of 2018.

ENCOUNTER TRAINING (ELEMENTARY)

Secondary Discussion Points, Presentations:

- Walla Walla University Report – Dr. Cushman
- Jefre Humbert – 3-D Technology in the Classroom
- *Encounter* Bible – training available at Andrews, Aug 2-3, 2017
- Washington state grad requirement for Northwest History
- Dual credit/Walla Walla University
- Creation Health teacher resources
- Reported on ELL/ELS meeting of May, 2016

NPUC CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORTS

Elementary Discussion, Reports, Presentations:

- NAD Curriculum Timeline
 - Music 2017 Fine Arts Standards and McGraw-Hill adoption
 - Art adoption delayed until an acceptable program is available
 - Bible 2018-19 Standards and *Encounter* adoption
 - Pathways 2.0 adoption 2019-2020
- NAD Elementary Surveys
- Jefre Humbert – 3-D Technology
- Iowa Assessments comparison with NAD/NPUC/Conference percentiles
- Learning A-Z webinar – developing independent readers and crating literature circles
- Music program review – Spotlight on Music; McGraw-Hill; multi-grade component

Written questions on the issues and challenges of dealing with educational personnel/employees were gathered and as time allowed some were addressed and discussed.

PERSONNEL PRACTICES: STUMP THE EXPERTS

An inspiring short video entitled ‘Be the Change’ was shared and discussion of its impact in the school setting followed.

BE THE CHANGE

The book, *Educating for Eternity* by George Knight, was purchased by the NPUC Office of Education and distributed to all members. This is a new abridged version prepared for a special GC focus on Adventist Education in 2017.

Joel Reyes

**EDUCATING FOR
ETERNITY**

CLOSING PRAYER

ADJOURNMENT