

## MINUTES EDUCATION COUNCIL

January 28-30, 2019  
College Place, WA

Dennis Plubell—Chair, Debbie Hendrickson—Recording Secretary, Debbie Hendrickson; Holley Bryant; Ann Campbell; Stacey Campbell; Karen Carlton; Sheri Crooker; Sueal Cunningham; David Davies; Peter Fackenthal; Aubrey Fautheree; Bonnie Feese; Angela Fleck; Monte Fisher; Patrick Frey; Stephanie Gates; Mark Griffin; Spencer Hannah; Archie Harris; Brian Harris; Volker Henning; Ron Jacaban; Heidi Kruger; Jordan Lindsay; Larry Marsh; Craig Mattson; Becky Meharry; Debbie Muthersbaugh; Dan Nicola; Mechelle Peinado; Ric Peinado; George Personius; Terry Pottle; Rod Rau; Frances Robinson; Doug Schmidt; Chris Sequeira; Marvin Thorman; Randy Thornton; Michelle Wachter; Keith Waters; Adam Weeks; Angela White; Susan Winchester; Renae Young.

Monday afternoon members were welcomed by Dennis Plubell followed by an opening prayer and introductions. Tuesday morning a devotional thought was shared by WWU President, John McVay and Wednesday morning's devotional was shared by Dr. Carl Cosaert, Dean of WWU's Department of Theology.

Debbie Muthersbaugh, WWU Dean of the School of Education & Psychology, shared initiatives that are being developed in her department. Neria Sebastian spoke to the new Masters in Special Education that has been developed and began last summer. Maria Bastien shared insights on the progress of educating future teachers in the area of small schools and how Walla Walla University is implementing ways to increase knowledge in this area.

The goals and objectives of the NPUC Office of Education were shared along with a review of how we all collaborate from the top, down – NAD, Union, Conference, School.

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

1. Minutes of the NPUC Education Council—January, 2017
2. NPUC Opening Enrollment Report for 2017-18
3. NPUC Two-Year Calendar of Education Meetings/Events
4. Don Keele Award Recipients—2017
5. NPUC School Commission Report for 2017-18

**VOTED**, to accept the Education Council Minutes from January 2018 as presented.

### MEMBERS PRESENT

### WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

### WWU SCHOOL OF EDUCATION & PSYCHOLOGY REPORT

### WHAT DOES NPUC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT DO?

### CONSENT AGENDA

**MINUTES**  
**19:01**

Jodi Wagner, VP for University Relations & Advancement shared what is being done by that department to collaborate with K-12 schools for marketing that can help WWU as well as local elementary schools and Academies across the NPUC.

**WWU UNIVERSITY  
RELATIONS &  
ADVANCEMENT REPORT**

On both Tuesday and Wednesday, presentations were made by Mark Siegal – (title) on the latest trends for Mastery Learning in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

**PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT – MARK  
SIEGAL**

A demonstration of the online use of Accreditrac was shared by Keith Waters along with an overview of the process.

**ACCREDITATION &  
JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE**

Dennis shared an explanation of the NAD Commission on Accreditation for approval of all senior academies and how that process works. Junior Academies are approved at the Union level and Elementary Schools are approved at the local conference level. Dennis also shared that the Journey to Excellence document is being re-vamped.

Discussion followed with regards to the possibility of having elementary principals serve on other elementary school's committees. Also discussed was the possibility of creating some sort of financial sustainability score to be included in the accreditation process.

A presentation on Adventist Learning Community resources and the reporting of CEUs was shared by NPUC Certification Registrar, Debbie Hendrickson.

**ALC & CEUs**

Brian Harris, Principal at WWVA, announced that the date for this year's Lego Robotic meet is February 24 at Walla Walla Valley Academy. The theme this year is 'Into Orbit'. So far, there are 15 teams signed up to participate. This event is sponsored jointly between WWU, WWVA and the NPUC Office of Education. There was discussion of how high school students could be involved or how they could have a similar event.

**LEGO ROBOTICS**

It was shared that Loma Linda University will be hosting an EXSEED for Leaders workshop June 25 – 27, 2019 for NAD Educators and Administrators at LLU. This will be a shortened overview course to inspire you to share the benefits of the program and provide an opportunity to give feedback as to possible new directions of the future of this program.

**EXSEED**

Information on this year's Beyond the Bottom Line seminar was shared. It will be held in Orlando, Florida – March 24-26, 2019.

**BEYOND THE BOTTOM LINE**

The NAD has created a Memorial Medallion that can be ordered through the NPUC Union Office of Education for \$35.00 each that can be presented to those who have dedicated their lives to working in Adventist education.

**NAD EDUCATOR  
MEMORIAL MEDALLIONS**

Larry Marsh was honored for his 47 years of outstanding service to Adventist education. Larry will be retiring as of March 1.

**LARRY MARSH**

It was announced that Brian Harris will be the new VP for Education for the Upper Columbia Conference.

#### **UCC VP FOR EDUCATION**

Archie Harris, NPUC TDEC representative shared a presentation on the NAD TDEC Committee and their latest work and projects that are in development.

#### **TDEC REPORT**

Golda Pflugrad, NPUC ECEC Coordinator, shared the work she is doing with NPUC Early Childhood Centers. She shared current enrollment numbers and new curriculum initiatives. She also shared that the NPUC will be hosting an Early Childhood Workshop this summer, June 24 & 25 at the Ridgefield office.

#### **NPUC ECEC REPORT**

Terrie Aamodt, WWU Professor of History shared the history of race relations in the Pacific Northwest and how it has shaped our demographics and the culture of our churches and schools.

#### **DIVERSITY**

We were challenged to consider ways in which we can incorporate diversity in our lives. Discussion followed on the possibility of creating an education scholarship for WWU education majors of different ethnic diversities. Dennis asked that members let him know if they are willing to serve on a small committee to develop criteria for such a scholarship.

Adventist Learning Community has developed a course for our school employees who coach sports teams (PE teachers and Athletic Directors) that they need to be taking – Coaching Distinctively Adventist Sports.

#### **ALC COACHING COURSE**

ALC is working on the development of a course for volunteers that coach at our schools that will be a is less rigorous, however, schools can ask volunteers to take the current course.

The NPUC Office of Education will be sponsoring a NPUC Student Leadership Conference at Camp Mivoden this coming October 10-13. More detailed information will be forthcoming.

#### **NPUC STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

Becky Meharry shared protocols and processes for Encounter Bible training and access to resources. She also reviewed the Pathways 2.0 program and shared highlights of new curriculum coming for both Art and Math.

#### **ELEMENTARY CURRICULUM NEWS, NOTES, & COMMENTS**

Keith Waters reviewed what is coming for secondary curriculum and textbooks: a new biology textbook in the process of being developed as well as Health. This summer, NAD Secondary committees will be reviewing other science textbooks. Our NPUC Secondary Curriculum Committee will be discussing graduation requirements and what is being done in each of our schools for students with special needs.

#### **SECONDARY CURRICULUM NEWS, NOTES, & COMMENTS**

It was reported that we have already received 14 boxes of books to send on to Palau. Dennis will send an update as soon as possible on this.

#### **PARTNERS FOR PALAU UPDATE**

Craig Mattson, Chair of the LGBTQ+ sub-committee, shared the results of a survey of 310 LGBTQ Christian Students that was conducted by Andrew University. This committee has met once so far and plans in place for future meetings.

## **LGBTQ+ COMMITTEE REPORT**

The local conference average cost for a teacher to attend the 2018 NAD Teacher Convention was \$400-\$450 per teacher. The NPUC average cost per teacher was \$680.00. The total cost to the NPUC was \$338,000.00. As we look ahead and plan for 2023, it was shared that the local conference may need to pick up more of the per-teacher costs.

## **2018 CHICAGO NAD TEACHER CONVENTION**

The NPUC Education budget and how it is allocated as a benefit to schools, teachers and students was reported.

## **NPUC EDUCATION BUDGET**

Palau has a need for whiteboards in their schools. You can sponsor a white board to be sent to Palau for \$280/board. Sponsorships are available for the next 60 days. Your school name will be listed on the whiteboard.

## **VIDEO MARKETING CHALLENGE**

**VOTED**, to recommend that NPUC Office of Education set up online meeting times for members of Education Council to discuss revisions to the 3000 and 5000 sections of the NPUC Education Code in order to make recommendations to the NPUC Board of Education by their March 14 meeting.

## **NPUC EDUCATION CODE PROPOSALS 19:02**

**Dan Nicola**

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

## **ADJOURNMENT**