NCAAE Board Meeting

September 11, 2015

Thank you to Ken Gattis for arranging the meeting space at DPI.

Our group is growing. The make-up of our board is extremely diverse and representative of the state.

* Welcome to New Members
	+ Maurice Ware, Elementary School Academy (WSF County)
	+ Rod Dupree, Kingswood School (WSF County)
	+ Ronda Fletcher (Davidson County)
	+ Beverly Mack (Cabarrus County)
* We also have several members who are not in alternative school anymore
	+ Dr. Gwen Johnson-Green will follow-up with those members.

**Duties and Responsibility for Conference**

* Welcome Reception
	+ Thursday 11/5
	+ Julia McCombs
	+ Ingenuity will host again this year.
	+ Informal reception area
	+ Need to do a better job of signage of who is hosting and where it is located
* Hotel Rooms
	+ We have 50 set aside, must use to get the conference rates
	+ If more are needed, we can get them
* Registered
	+ Have about 37 people registered by today
	+ Need to get the link posted onto the website
		- Kate Faw will resend the link
		- Gwen Johnson- Green will have Sara post to the website
* How many participants do we need to offset conference expenses?
	+ Cost $11,700- rooms, food, everything
		- Rooms- $5,700
		- Food- $6,000
	+ $28++ a plate for the buffet or plated lunches
		- Board feels that the buffet is the best option
	+ Minimum is 130 participants @ $75 each to break even
	+ We are prepared to handle and budgeted for 200 participants
* Sponsors @ $500 commitment each
	+ Person- dessert break
	+ APEX- coffee and breakfast for those not in the hotel
	+ Odyssey Ware- $500 towards lunch
	+ Ingenuity- Thursday night’s receptions
* Souvenir bags
	+ Julia McCombs will check with a vendor for that
* Banners are printed to post throughout conference area.
	+ Gwen Johnson-Green had 15 posters created to be hung.
	+ Need to have those put on a stand- Julia McCombs will bring some
* Conference Times
	+ 9:00am-3:00pm
		- 9:00-9:30 Opening Session & Speaker
		- 9:30-10:30 Concurrent Session 1
		- 10:30-11:00 Break and Vendor Sessions
		- 11:00-12:00 Concurrent Session 2
		- 12:00-1:15 Lunch & Keynote
		- 1:15-2:15 Concurrent Session 3
		- 2:15-2:30 Dessert Bar
		- 2:30-3:00 Closing & Speaker
* Opening Session
	+ Julia McCombs will ask Dr. Atkinson to be our opening session.
		- Other options include the State Board of Education chair
* Lunch Session
	+ Luther Thomas arranged the keynote speaker .
	+ Robbie Gupton agreed to contact local alternative programs for a student presentation.
* Closing Session
	+ Asked Curtis Sonneman to present a concurrent session and a closing Q & A session
		- He will confirm availability with Dr. Gwen Johnson-Green.
* 5 Breakout Rooms
	+ 1 session is upstairs
	+ Don’t know if we will need all 5 rooms
* Vendors
	+ 7 vendors have confirmed.
* Printed Programs
	+ Valoria Burch
* Name Badges
	+ Hello Badges
	+ Vinyl Badges for Board Members
	+ Kate Faw will purchase these.
* Registration Desk
	+ Can do pre-registration the night before at the reception
	+ Need to make sure that staff is able to rotate through
	+ Need to open registration 8:00-9:00am, conference starts at 9:00
		- Kate Faw will set up a distribution list with an e-mail to the times and information and set up a sign-up sheet
	+ Need to make sure that the bags are packed before hand
		- Various board members will see if we can swag
* Graduate Statue
	+ Ken Gattis
* Projectors
	+ Gwen Johnson-Green- 6
* Registrars and Guides
* Photographer/Videographer
	+ Robbie Gupton will see if he has any students who can do that.
	+ Kate Faw has volunteered to do photography if necessary
* Regional Representatives
	+ Make contacts from attendees in your region.
* Conference certificates
	+ Ready
	+ Gwen Johnson-Green will bring pre-signed

October Conference Call for Conference Committee and other board members

* Julia McCombs will organize this meeting for us.
* October 16th @ 1:00pm
* Send topics to Gwen Johnson-Green

Treasurer Report will be e-mailed

**Curtis Sonneman, DPI**

DPI has released the results of the Alternative Accountability Model last week. This information is posted in two documents on the Accountability Website. Those who selected option D are posted in their entirety on the website.

* If you would like your scores, speak to individual district test coordinators.
* Only posting the designation publicly. There will not be a list of the scores for each individual school at this time.
* Appears that the School Persistence Piece was not a negative number for a vast majority of schools.

Q: EVAAS small groups concerns; is there any movement on changing this data set?

A: This is how the standard deviation is used; it’s used to adjust in order to compare smaller and larger schools

* How effective is the standard deviation if we are talking about such small numbers?
* Recommended talking to Tom Tomberlin at DPI to get a clearer answer regarding EVAAS questions and concerns

Q: Is there an initiative to compare NC Alternative Accountability Model to other states that also have models now that there is a year worth of data?

A: There have been conversations with other states, but everything from different states are so vastly different on what identifies an alternative school.

* It is difficult to compare from state to state.
* Always looking at ways to improve the model
* Need at least two years of data before we can truly analyze the effectiveness of the model
* DPI is open to making adjustments

Q: When you have programs that are merged with a single school number, but EVAAS data is tied to the school number. It makes it harder as a principal to use that data effectively. Is there a way that the Accountability department can work with EVAAS to separate out certain data sets?

A: There is not currently a way to pull that out in the model.

* The only way to do that is to make the programs their own school.
* You must have a school code in order to be in the Alternative School Code.
* This can also be managed by students being dual enrolled with traditional schools. They will not count under the Alternative Program/Schools numbers.

Curtis Sonneman was asked to come speak to the November 6th Conference for a Presentation and Q & A with participants.

* Suggestion made to have this session at the conclusion of the conference and a concurrent session for those new to alternative education; board agreed.
* Curtis will speak to his director and will send a response to Dr. Gwen Johnson-Green if he can attend and present