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