

NCVPS Advisory Board MINUTES
MCNC & Virtually in Wimba Classroom
November 18, 2010
10-12 p.m.
Agenda Items
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Attendees: Elaine Rideout, Myra Best, Melissa Thibault, Chris Hall and NCVPS Staff: Adam Renfro, Bryan Setser, Chanin Rivenbark, Connie Joyner, David Edwards, Deborah Pedersen, Don Lourcey, Ellen Minter, James Bell, Janice Silver, Jeffrey Page, Jennifer Nobles, John Brim, Karen Creech, Melissa Davis, Michelle Lourcey, Nathan Thanos, Sue Scott, Tammy Pearson, and Tracy Weeks.

Meeting led by Dr. Bryan Setser

Welcome and Introductions:

Brief sharing of NCVPS presence at Virtual School Symposium 2010.
Celebrated that NCVPS was now the #2 Virtual public school in the nation, FLVS is #1.

Process for Selection of New members:

Advisory Board process for new Board members. In the past names came from the eLearning Commission. That group served for 3 yrs. Those individuals were offered to rejoin and then solicited nominations through various venues. Advisory Board will have more focus in the future. Melissa T comments about commitment enforcing attendance. Comments about increasing involvement. Chris H. comments about participation. Elaine R comments about finding a parent of an NCVPS student to add to the nominations, good job in covering wide range of nominees.

Nominees Submitted to SBE:

https://docs.google.com/a/ncpublicschools.gov/Doc?docid=0AbFZfhi9D_t5ZGdzdJg3aDRfNDNoZmdwZDZkcQ&hl=en

Mission, Vision, and Values:

In Aug, NCVPS Staff had a retreat and work was done on Mission, Vision and Values to improve.

Melissa T, so many of our districts are requesting devices & more mobile learning opportunities.

Elaine R, need to include career ready, work-force readiness, districts are requesting. Can that be included in the stakeholder support?

Gave updates on Modular, Mobile and Occupational Course of Study courses
Jennifer N, modular pilots are ongoing, just-in-time remediation in f2f classroom.
Michelle L, OCS has made the most of blended. The feedback from pilots has been very positive. Students are “learning more than f2f teachers thought they could”.
Jeff P, all of our courses now have a mobile presence on a pilot basis. Hoping to work with companies to develop more first in class application teachers can use for assessment.

Elaine R, glad to see Family Matters included.

Shared out how some of our staff has used our core values this past year.

- **New By-Laws Draft:**

- <https://docs.google.com/document/pub?id=1P8ShEE5aAM8-mdq8yild4Nq16Npwyg2aRO-pw2JiYm4>
- Stakeholders on board should include a parent of a student taking NCVPS/LEO courses, NCVPS will look at finding a parent to serve.
- Article IV: comments about it not being necessary to meet f2f, members thought F2F would be nice for those locally but didn't have to require the meeting in person to eliminate travel expenses.
- Elaine R, each term is 2 yrs, but I don't see the option to be re-appointed for a 2nd term. Perhaps that should be included.
- Exe Comm: Chair, V Chair, Sec, & Tchr rep. SBE will select the Chair.
- Myra B, comments about app't of Chair. Have the Ad Bd make a recommendation to SBE Chair as to who should serve as the Chair of the Advisory Board.
- Tammy P, are the standing committees appropriate?; Tech, Marketing, Professionals, Curriculum.
- Bryan S, suggest removing Marketing, adding funding and leadership.
- Melissa T, I think we should keep marketing. It can be valuable but suggested that communications is more than marketing - e.g., videos showing student success, examples of what online courses look like and what students do during the course - all posted on the VPS Web site where the public can see it. Communicate beyond the closed educational community is a good idea. Suggested that VPS try to present at the SBA regional workshops as a breakout session.
- Technology could include modular, blended,
- Marketing could be included under Professionals
- Comments from a couple about need for effective communication.
- Adding Leadership
- Article VII-IX are pretty standard for By-laws
- After nominees are approved the By-Laws would be voted on at the Feb Advisory Board meeting and go to the SBE in March for formal approval of adoption. Elaine R suggests we add statement allowing voting electronically for purposes of quorum/voting

DPI Funding Formula Site

- Bryan met with Philip Price and several Supts about NCVPS funding formula.
- <http://www.dpi.state.nc.us/fbs/finance/ncvps/>

- John B, funding formula impact on enrollment growth is unknown, growth for spring is about 40%, lower than growth in past semesters.
- Dave E, #s for ratio of administrators to students: FLVS 1:875, NCVPS 1:4,333
- Myra B, eLearning Commission will be looking at NCVPS funding formula. Bryan will be presenting the KP report at this meeting.
- Melissa T, LEARN NC is getting feedback from LEAs that they cannot take NCVPS courses and they don't know why. Decisions are being made at the highest levels that students may not take courses. NC needs a statute that no student may be denied access.
- We are targeting regions concerning serving regions with lowest resources.

Keeping Pace Report

Will be sharing the actual copy of the report. Includes information about NCVPS.

Update on NCVPS/Enrollment

Plus/Deltas

Pluses: pretty straight-forward, good meeting, good participation, good feedback

Thanks for everyone's input

Melissa T, strong suggestion that NCVPS/LEO provide a breakout session at the 8 SBE meetings held in each DPI Region.

NEXT MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 15, 2011
PLACE TO BE DETERMINED