

Minutes
Education Innovation Partners Board Meeting
November 12, 2014
Valentini's

1. Gregg Allen called the meeting to order at 10:40 am
2. Roll Call –
 - a. Present: Ken Simberg, Gregg Allen, Deron Stender, Jim Varichak, Roy Smith, Alexis Leitgeb, Robert Belluzzo, Bill Crandall, Roy Smith, Joe Silko, Charlene Norlander (recorder)
 - b. Absent: Mark Adams, Carol Helland, Michael Raich, Matt Grose and Bernie Novak
 - c. Others in Attendance: Pollyann Sorcan
3. Jim Varichak motioned to approve minutes of October 22, 2014 board meeting. Seconded by Bill Crandall. Motion carried.
4. Contract for Technology Consultant Services with Lora Mathison – Joe reviewed the Technology Consultant contract. The Board would like the following changes to the contract:
 - a. Length of contract: Board would like June 30, 2015 as the end date
 - b. Pending funding clause will be added
 - c. Termination clause/separation clause – 30 days notification

✓ Action Item: Joe will prepare a revised contract for Board review.
5. Membership Agreement Update
 - a. As of today's meeting, 18 Agreements have been approved and returned. Joe is continually meeting with school boards to discuss the services EIP can provide. NHED and 4 district agreements are not back. If these agreements do not come back, there will be discussion on future Board make-up.
6. Joe reviewed the proposed EIP Logo designs. An attractive logo is important. The logos #1 and #3 will be sent out to all members for vote.

✓ Action Item: Joe will send out email to all school districts and NHED for a vote.
7. EIP Bylaws Draft – Joe reviewed the board make-up.

Agreement to Establish, Implement and Operate Education Innovation Partners Cooperative Center No. 1
Article III – Section 3. Term. – Ad Hoc Temporary Governing Board

WEST	CENTRAL	EAST
Deer River – Matt Grose	Chisholm – Jim Varichak	Ely – Alexis Leitgeb
Greenway – Mark Adams	Hibbing – Bob Belluzzo	Mesabi East – Gregg Allen
Aitkin – Bernie Novak	Virginia – Deron Stender	Lake Superior – Bill Crandall
Itasca CC – Mike Raich	Hibbing CC – Ken Simberg	Mesabi CC - Carol Helland

The mission of the Ad Hoc board is to establish bylaws. There are many factors that need to be decided upon for the bylaws. Some questions that arose are:

- What will the term eligibility be?
- Is there a Maximum term?
- The selection process needs to be determined. For example, west should pick the west members - each region would vote on its member. First, find out interest on the Board – next, send a ballot to all districts to vote for one. A representative of the district could be a Superintendent or a Board Chair.
- Do we want an advisory committee? Which would be determined by the Board. Can the Board appoint members?
- The Board agreed that if a member could not attend a meeting, no representative could take their place.
- It is important that a quorum will be attending each meeting. Char Norlander will be requesting RSVPs.
- Meeting dates and times must be posted due to open meeting law. The bulletin board outside of EIP offices is the official posting place.
- The official designated Newspaper needs to reach all of EIP member districts. Joe will seek legal advice on how to choose a newspaper. Are districts allowed to post EIP meeting minutes on their websites? Get MSBA advice?
- ✓ Action Item: Char will email to all members requesting that they list EIP board meetings on their Calendar of Events.

8. Other:

- a. RUS Grant: Jim Varichak telepresence units? Core BTS is in the process of delivering the equipment and setting up soon. The Federal Government requested a legal opinion.

9. Next Meeting will be held on December 22, 2014 at 10:30 A.M. at Valentini's in Chisholm.

10. Alexis Leitgeb moved to adjourn at 11:45 A.M. Ken Simberg seconded. Motion carried.