

## **PDK #0015**

### **Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

**April 2, 2012**

#### **Olin Hall 110-Nebraska Wesleyan University**

Members Present: Harriet Gould, John Creswell, Ryan Mueller, Jessica Rivera, Ron Joekel, Alicia Dallman, Melissa Casper, Carrie Campbell, Doug Christiansen, and Mike McDonald.

Previously contacted Mike stating they were not able to attend: Jody Isernhagen, Sue Heine, Jackie Florendo, Anastasia McNulty, Tim Golden, and YJ Moses. Guests: Brent Cjeda and Michael Jolley. Minutes written by Melissa Casper.

- 1) Introductions
- 2) Treasurer's Report by Ryan-see report for further detail ([pdk.unl.edu](http://pdk.unl.edu))
  - a. After we paid for the speakers' cost, we met our expenses and earned approximately \$37.00 at the 3.28.12 event.
  - b. Our last CD expired in April-we can renew for 5 months if we want.
  - c. Mike proposed that we decide scholarship levels in terms of the balances and encumbering in checking, savings, and CD. Since interest rates are low, we need to do utilize our money to make it work for us. The next steps will be explored and an action step will be proposed with Ryan by June.
  - d. Carrie motioned to approve the report, Harriet seconded the motion.
  - e. The motion was carried and the treasurer's report was approved.
- 3) The minutes from executive board meetings will continue to be approved through online google docs submission to all executive board members or by email.
- 4) Ryan, Jessica and Doug attended the International Phi Delta Kappa conference in February at Baltimore. Doug reported that the sessions and participation were generally good. There was a focus on common core, school improvement and assessment. Jessica attended the Emerging Leader meetings, where she met with past Emerging Leader award winners. They discussed research foci and had good dialogue about educational standards in terms of race and class, as well as the future of PDK and what the mission needs to be. Ryan reported that the speech that Doug gave on common core was very interesting and that the high number of Future Educators Association students attending the conference was inspiring for the future of education. All attendees believed there were more FEA participants v. PDK Conference attendees.

- 5) Mike, Carrie, Ron, and Doug attended an organizational FEA State meeting on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at Ashland. This advisory group is committed to helping FEA grow in Nebraska. They are exploring the creation of a “Partner’s Counsel” (i.e. business, colleges, NSEA) to foster collaboration. The FEA annual state conference will be held again at UNO this October. It is hoped that FEA representatives will participate in the NE Administrator Days (NCSA) at UNK this August. The next step is to meet on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00-noon at UNO to create a business plan. Doug, Carrie, and Mike will attend. We want to involve people from different institutions so that different entities are motivated to make FEA succeed.
- 6) Ron and Doug discussed our status as a tax exempt group. We have been a 501-3C and this has changed to 501-6C which took effect on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012. This means that individual chapters cannot accept donations that allow persons to deduct on their taxes. Now this must be done through the PDK international who will in turn set up individual scholarships and funds for each chapter. PDK International will retain the money and send the scholarship money directly to the university of the award winner. Doug will check to see if the money is supposed to go directly to the university, or if it can come to Ryan to distribute to our award and scholarship winners. He will also check to see if donors can still write a check to the Education Foundation so that we (local chapter) can submit it to International.
- 7) Members are to review the Task Force on Chapters Report: [www.pdkintl.org/chapters.index.htm](http://www.pdkintl.org/chapters.index.htm). This looks at how people become members and trends (i.e. international vs. chapter membership). Pending certain qualifications (i.e., high levels of programming), International PDK will help local chapters remain active. The decision lies between having an organization that is focused on national affiliations or having self-sustainable local chapters that support themselves through membership. Presently, the majority of people joining PDK do not have local chapter affiliation. There is no decision as of now regarding future steps but PDK wants to make sure that the chapters they are supporting are the ones that are creating quality programming for their members and remaining active in the community. This shows a split between two visions of PDK: one which is chapter driven and a PDK which is more nationally driven. Washington is the only state in the country that has a state PDK chapter, though this could be another way that PDK chapters could go. There are many people that want Lincoln to have a chapter, but it is harder to get members and fill the exec board.
- 8) Brent discussed the UNL charter for PDK. It is for the College of Education and Human Sciences but the educational administration department is mainly participating. Other departments have not expressed much interest in joining the group at a higher leadership level. It does need to go beyond the Education Administration department for the UNL chapter to succeed. EDAD will continue to support as much as possible, until the chapter decides what to do. The department has dedicated 10 hours of graduate assistant

work/week beginning with the Fall, 2012 semester to create a more tangible connection between the college and the organization. Dean Kostelnik is a supporter, attended the 3.28.12, collaborative meeting with UNO, and continues to support PDK but the plan for future success needs to be determined. FEA is a vital part of this plan and must be fully explained so that it can gain traction. A sub-committee will be formed to create this plan and determine action steps including leadership roles. Those interested should contact Mike by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

- 9) The scholarship deadline for the Preservice and High School scholarships, respectively, is April 13<sup>th</sup>. John Creswell is asking others across CEHC to nominate students who are doing education related research for the Joekel Award which is due April 30<sup>th</sup>. Once students are nominated for that award, he would also like to see students nominated for the International PDK dissertation award.
- 10) April 17<sup>th</sup> Showcase of Teaching Event at Union College. As the 2011 Joekel Award-winner, Brad Baurain is one of the featured presenters. The rest of the session is centered on educators who are demonstrating effective pedagogy, research, and leadership in the classroom. The event is split into two half hour sessions with a variety of speakers/topics each session.
- 11) The June 5<sup>th</sup> event is set for the Deer Springs Winery at 162nd and "O" St. We will complete our initiation, the 2012 Joekel Scholarship Awardee presentation, HS and Preservice Scholarships, present awards, install officers (tentative), and complete an informal, interaction with two NE Department of Education Board members (tentative). The top, chapter awards (five) will be awarded at this event. There are no local, Nationally Board certified teachers to nominate this year. We need to choose Outstanding Educational Leader Award, Exemplary Community Education Outreach, The Friend of PDK, and the PDK Service Key. Please provide suggestions to Harriot.
- 12) Centennial Plans: The Centennial committee met on Friday March 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss our plans for the centennial year 2013-2014. Our centennial is June 12, 2015 and the year of celebration will begin in 2014. The goals are to have 100 active members during the year and to create a year of programming that builds to the centennial celebration in June. The hope is to present the history of the chapter in 20 year increments at each event. We will invite a wide variety of key players to each event (past members, past presidents, Service Key winners, etc).
- 13) Mike debriefed regarding the March 28<sup>th</sup> event. The programming at the event was excellent. Most people felt that the drive to Ashland was fine and should work well for next year. The food was also excellent and seems to be an excellent place for the joint event with UNO next year.

14) The Website is being tracked by Drew Ramaekers. The website is staying busy with approximately 15 hits/day and up to 50 hits during days leading up to an event. This is our last Exec Bd. meeting for the 2011-2012 year.