

DPI DATA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

February 20, 2007

1:30 – 4:30 pm

Members Present: Nancy Burke, Patrick Feist, Mark Lemer, G. David Massey, Tracy Korsmo, Dan Pullen, Dwight Crabtree, Darin King, Craig Nansen.

1. IEP Update

DPI received 12 responses from the RFI. A RFP will be created and sent out by the middle of March. Fargo has decided to proceed with purchasing an IEP system and have selected cmERDC.

2. District Warehouse Update

3 districts are in various stages, mostly on track with West Fargo ahead of schedule. Fargo has 3 years of data ready to be loaded. 2nd tier schools may begin implementing next year. Minot is going ahead, they just do not know when. GF and Roughrider JPA's have had presentations as well as Missouri Valley.

3. State data warehouse update

Dan reported that there is a high level of interest in this initiative. The P16 commission has talked about this. They are looking at funding to study the issue over the next biennium.

4. FNP grant

DPI has applied for a grant to enhance direct certification; we will not know the results until this spring. The data model and imports have been adjusted to allow for address and maiden name to be collected to improve our matching with DHS. There was discussion on the FERPA implications of sending this information. DPI has followed up on this issue and this is not a FERPA issue, as the applications clearly state the information is to be shared.

5. STARS Steering Committee

- ELL discussion on the importing of this information, the imports/exports are separate and they report on a yearly basis. Nancy mentioned there was a lot of cleanup that needed to be done with this data, but it should be in good condition for proceeding years. Discussion on the test changes and the inclusion of migrant students. We will have Mari Rasmussen follow-up with these questions and invite her to the next committee meeting.
- Pupil Membership/ Summer School demonstration by Nexus. DPI has included enhancements to the search for filtering grades and last name begins with. Discussion on the flow of the application and potential enhancements that could be made: Keeping the list of students searched available for quicker access when working with sets; Make it easier to get to student details from the filter window; Make checkouts

easier, since we have now went to student level locking and not report locking, each student must be checked out.; Make a mass edit for course enrollment as going through each student may be cumbersome. DPI will review these issues and make any enhancements we can provided within the scope of the project.

- Course reporting for Home School, PK and out of district enrollment. Discussion on collecting course/hours for any student not enrolled full-time in a school. Mark indicated he may have problems with this, we will follow-up with Mark. Darin King and Fargo (Bill?) thought this could be accomplished. A fast course search using the plant course number may be needed go find the course reported in the MIS03, we will follow-up on this with Nathaniel to see how this would be accomplished.
- Discussion on classifying courses for easier access. Courses may be given a class type for filtering; this is a usability feature in STARS. There was discussion on courses that span multiple types – we will follow-up on this issue and see if we can enhance this. This feature was for convenience only.
- The committee asked for the business rules for starting a new enrollment period for a student. DPI will research and respond to the group.

6. Summer School

- The summer school collection will start collecting migrant students. Jerry Coleman will use this information for calculation payments, as opposed to the paper reports he receives today. We will need to create generic courses to record these entries like ‘Migrant Supplemental Services’, since the students don’t really take ND specific courses in the summer.
- MIS03 – DPI would like to pilot the collection of teacher and courses taught in summer school, much like MIS03. Discussion on the required fields since summer school doesn’t collect the level of detail that MIS03’s require. DPI will review this during the design. We will keep the committee posted on the progress of the MIS03 development and if we can complete by summer.

7. Homeless

DPI discussed the need for homeless information changes that Title I has received. SASI does not collect homeless and Darin King indicated that PowerSchool implementations can change without vendor involvement. DPI will get these changes to the committee when they are available. We do not anticipate making the changes for the 06-07 school year.

8. Suspension/Expulsion

Security discussion on this information. Should the electronic information follow the student when transferring out of district? DPI is required by NCLB to ensure the districts have a transfer policy in place. No action taken.

9. Legislative Issues

Foundation Aid and ADM calculations in SB2200 – Jerry Coleman did advise members to read this section as the wording currently effects funding should school calendars exceed 180 days.

Teacher Comp report is back – all members agree that they would like to see this report go away. Mark and Jerry will be addressing this with the House.

10. Next meeting

Beginning of April