

Council on Library and Network Development

Friday, May 12, 2023

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Including a Tour and Presentation from Appleton East High School Staff

Virtual Meeting: [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

Call in Option: **608-620-9781** Conference ID: 710 437 87#

COLAND Goals:

1. To encourage the conversations related to increased broadband equity statewide.
2. To encourage the conversations and provide advocacy related to digital equity ebooks, cooperative contracts, access to digital information, and other information technology development.
3. Examine services and practices adopted during the pandemic to continue enhancing access and inclusivity.
4. Examine non-traditional and underrepresented services, resources, and partners to create spaces, programs, and collections that include all dimensions of identity.
5. To support revisions to ongoing issues for school librarian licensing and professional standards, and advocate for adequate staffing of school libraries.
6. To recruit new members and help grow an organizational structure that encourages more active involvement by council members.

1. **Call to Order** (Action; 5 minutes)

Isa Small, *COLAND Chair*

Roll Call/Determination of Quorum (Information)

Terri Muraski, *COLAND Secretary*

Introduction of Guests/Visitors

Isa Small

Changes/Additions to Agenda (Action)

All

Approval of March 10, 2023, Minutes (Action)

Terri Muraski

2. **Welcome from Appleton East High School and Tour** (30 minutes)

Janel Bedor-Griffiths;
Appleton East Library Media Specialist

3. **Report of the Chair** (Information, Discussion; 5 minutes)

Isa Small;
All

4. [DPI, ARPA, PLSR, and School Libraries Updates](#) (Discussion; 20 minutes) Ben Miller; DPI Staff
Biennial Reports s. 43.07(4), (5), (7)
5. **Legislative Update** (Discussion; 15 minutes) Dr. Darrell Williams, PhD;
DPI
6. **Appleton East High School Presentation** (Discussion; 45 minutes) Janel Bedor-Griffiths;
Appleton East Library Media Specialist
8. **Network Development Subcommittee Reports** Ellen Kupfer, *Vice-Chair*;
DPI Staff
 - [Broadband Development Committee Report: January 27th, 2023](#)
 - [Broadband Development Committee Report: February 17th, 2023](#)
 (Discussion, Action; 15 minutes)
9. **Review of [2021-2023 COLAND Goals](#)** Isa Small, *Chair*
Discussion on COLAND Biennial Report DPI Staff
 - [COLAND goals brainstorming](#) (Information, Discussion, Action; 30 min)
10. **Networking Lunch** (Noon) All
11. **Review Meeting Dates and Tentative Locations** (Information, Discussion; 5 minutes) Isa Small;
All
 - 2023 Meeting Dates:
 - Friday, July 14th, 2023 | Wisconsin Dells
 - Friday, September 8th, 2023 | Bayfield?
 - Friday, November 10th, 2023 | Elkhorn
12. **Announcements** Isa Small;
All
13. **Adjournment** Isa Small;
All

43.07 Council on library and network development. The state superintendent and the division shall seek the advice of and consult with the council on library and network development in performing their duties in regard to library service. The state superintendent or the administrator of the division shall attend every meeting of the council. The council may initiate consultations with the department and the division. The council shall:

- (1) Make recommendations to the division in regard to the development of standards for the certification of public librarians and standards for public library systems under s. [43.09](#).
- (2) Advise the state superintendent in regard to the general policies and activities of the state's program for library development, interlibrary cooperation and network development.
- (3) Advise the state superintendent in regard to the general policies and activities of the state's program for the development of school library media programs and facilities and the coordination of these programs with other library services.

Meeting Minutes
Council on Library and Network Development
Friday, March 10, 2023
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Virtual Only Meeting (change due to weather)

Council Members

Present:

Isa Small (Chair)
Ellen Kupfer (Vice Chair)
Terri Muraski (Secretary)
Amy Beth Bahena-Ettner
Terrence Berres
Nick Dimassis
Jaime Healy-Plotkin
Dennis Myers
Michael Otten
Charmaine Sprengelmeyer-Podein
Christinna Swearingen
Rachel Thomas
Amy Thornton
Kristi Williams

Missing:

Andi Cloud
Miriam Erickson
Josh Klingbeil
Rob Nunez
Joan Schneider

DPI Staff:

Allyson Hanz
Ben Miller
Shannon Schulz
Elizabeth Tomev
Monica Treptow
Guests: Dr. Darrell Williams

Call to Order - Isa Small called the meeting to order at 9:01 am

Roll Call - Quorum present

Introduction - Dr. Darrell Williams, PhD

Ben Miller introduced the new Assistant State Superintendent, Dr. Darrell Williams. Dr. Williams provided highlights of his more than 30 year career. He expressed his excitement at his new position and the opportunity to work with schools and libraries to advance learning in Wisconsin.

Changes/Additions to Agenda

Motion to remove agenda item #2, the tour of Appleton East and change #7 to a presentation by only DPI staff only due to change to a virtual meeting. Motion made by Dennis Myers, seconded by Ellen Kupfer. Motion passed unanimously.

[Minutes of January 13, 2023 meeting](#)

Motion to approve minutes by Kristi Williams , second by Jaime Healy-Plotkin
Minutes approved unanimously

[Report of the Chair](#)

Chair Isa Small attended her first Library Legislative Day on February 7. There were a number of COLAND members in attendance including Nick Dimassis, who did an excellent job emceeding the opening session. Dr. Williams introduced himself to the group and spoke about his passion for education and libraries.

Council members have expressed a desire for clarity on what role, if any, COLAND should play in advocating for libraries, librarians, and library customers at the political level. A small group, including Ellen Kupfer, Nick Dimassis, Ben Miller, and myself met and arrived at the conclusion that COLAND can be most helpful by tracking the work of official advocacy groups such as WLA and WEMTA and sharing their resources and messaging when appropriate. COLAND can also serve as a conduit to gather feedback, stories, and challenges from our networks to share with advocacy groups. COLAND's strategic goals and biennial reports are an important opportunity to provide direct feedback to DPI regarding priorities.

The subcommittee working on the goals and biennial report has made tremendous progress. We met several times over the past two months and have developed a list of items from our current plan that we will want to address in the report and which goals to continue and which are ready to sunset.

DPI, ARPA, PLSR , and School Libraries Updates

School Libraries: Monica Treptow reported on the Wisconsin Educational Media and Technology Association (WEMTA) conference which was held in February. Many DPI staff participated in the conference. WEMTA would welcome working with COLAND on needs for school libraries. Treptow also shared information on new tools developed to support school districts in completing the required board approved district plan. Discussion of the plans, which are under local control, followed. The plans are designed to assist libraries with articulating staffing needs and sharing program goals. More information is available at:

<https://dpi.wi.gov/libraries/school-libraries/future-ready-library-planning>

Ben Miller reported that two LSTA studies have been funded with reports expected in June, 2023. Library Services Team staff are serving as liaisons to the both studies. One is focused on public library worker compensation in an effort to improve recruitment and retention. The second is focused on facility needs and the need for infrastructure projects in public libraries.

Chair Small commented on the value of using the DPI space needs chart to promote capital projects. Miller shared that DPI is considering updates to the space needs recommendations to better reflect today's needs, such as meeting rooms, outlets.

Elizabeth Tomev shared the progress on compiling the annual report and praised Melissa Aro for her work on the report. Tomev also encouraged participation in National School Library Month and National Library Week. The Library Services Team is finalizing recruitment for a Federal Grants Coordinator this week. The recruitments for the WISCAT Technical Coordinator and ILL Librarian will kick off in late March/early April. These are all vacancies and not new positions.

Legislative Update

Dr. Williams provided an update and shared his positive experiences at Library Legislative Day and WEMTA. He has also visited a number of libraries around the state and plans to continue visits during the April Library recognitions. He stressed that the value of libraries in schools and communities is reflected in Governor Evers budget. The budget also includes a slight increase for DPI and Badgerlink, funding for Recollection Wisconsin, and support for staff recruitment in libraries. A bill to require internet filters has been introduced and is being monitored.

Dr. Williams visited the Library of Congress in Washington, DC and advocated for funding for libraries, literacy and library infrastructure with Senator Tammy Baldwin. He also shared the many important projects from around the state and stressed the importance of libraries in a natural disaster.

DPI Presentation

Monica Treptow shared information on literacy. At the May meeting, Janel Bedor-Griffiths will follow-up with information on the programs at Appleton East. Treptow shared infographics from the DPI website (see links below). Learners and literacy are at the center of the framework for professional library practice. The concept of literacy includes information literacy, digital literacy, media literacy - more than just books and reading. She shared the Wisconsin Information and Technology standards for digital age learning and the components of literacy that are often used by school media specialists and librarians, in their programming and in conjunction with teachers and literacy coordinators. Treptow also shared examples of digital learning plans from West DePere and Seymour, and Lakeland Union High School. She reviewed the components of each local report. The plans are shared at the WISELearn website <https://wlresources.dpi.wi.gov/>

Treptow stressed the importance of staffing in libraries and having a professional librarian with time to develop a library program. The support for resources is there, but staffing is also essential for collaboration with teachers to promote literacy. Dr. Williams thanked Treptow for the report and requested information on districts that are not meeting staffing requirements. Amy Beth Bahena-Ettner also advocated for the plans and the importance of professional staffing. Links to information used in presentation:

Literacy

- https://futureready.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/FRS_Librarians_Framework_download-2020.pdf

Information literacy, Digital literacy, Media literacy

- <https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/imt/itl%20standards%20infographic%202%20pager.pdf>
- <https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/cal/pdf/portrait-literatestudent.pdf>

Examples

- <https://sites.google.com/wdpsd.com/22-26wdplibrarytechplan/curriculum-instruction-assessment>
- <https://sites.google.com/seymour.k12.wi.us/scsd-library-plan-2021/curriculum-instruction-assessment>
- <https://sites.google.com/lakelandunion.org/lakeland-union-high-school-lib/curriculum-instruction-assessment>

Network Development Subcommittee Report

Ellen Kupfer provided an overview of the subcommittee discussions. They are working to broaden regional coverage on the subcommittee. They had a presentation from Bill Herman and one by the group The Education Superhighway.

- [Broadband Development Subcommittee Minutes, 01-27-2023](#)
- [Broadband Development Subcommittee Notes, 02-17-2023](#)

Review of 2021-2023 COLAND Goals and Biennial Report

Chair Small led a discussion of the draft Biennial Report and Goals. The committee has reviewed progress on the existing goals and come up with some broad categories and content for the 2023-25 goals and is seeking feedback from COLAND. The categories are human resources, broadband access and innovation, and outreach and engagement. Dr. Williams provided positive feedback on the goals. Small thanked the

committee for the thought and care that has gone into drafting the goals. The committee will continue work and present a report and goals at the May meeting.

Review Meeting Dates and Locations

Since today's meeting was changed to virtual due to the weather, the May 12 meeting will be held at Appleton East. Meeting Dates for 2023 are May 12, July 14, September 8, and November 10. Tentative locations for future meetings are Platteville and Bayfield.

The Prairie Lakes Library System has been contacted regarding a presentation in November on their formation as a merger of two systems. The chair will share information regarding sites selected for future meetings as soon as it is available.

Announcements - none

Adjournment

Small adjourned the meeting at 10:37 am

Respectfully submitted,
Terri Muraski
COLAND Secretary

(4) Hold a biennial meeting for the purpose of discussing the report submitted by the state superintendent under s. 43.03 (3) (d). Notice of the meeting shall be sent to public libraries, public library systems, school libraries and other types of libraries and related agencies. After the meeting, the council shall make recommendations to the state superintendent regarding the report and any other matter the council deems appropriate.

(5) On or before July 1 of every odd-numbered year, transmit to the state superintendent a descriptive and statistical report on the condition and progress of library services in the state and recommendations on how library services in the state may be improved. The state superintendent shall include the report as an addendum to the department's biennial report under s. 15.04 (1) (d).

(6) Review that portion of the budget of the department relating to library service. Recommendations of the council in regard to the budget shall accompany the department's budget request to the governor.

(7) Receive complaints, suggestions and inquiries regarding the programs and policies of the department relating to library and network development, inquire into such complaints, suggestions and inquiries, and advise the state superintendent and the division on any action to be taken.

History: 1979 c. 347; 1983 a. 524; 1985 a. 177; 1995 a. 27; 1997 a. 27.