

Idaho State Board of Education Data Management Council Minutes

2.3.2016				2:00 pm MST		Conference call	
Meeting called by	Carson Howell, Chair						
Type of meeting	Regular meeting						
Note taker	Doug Armstrong						
Members and attendance status: P=present, A=absent	Chris Campbell P , Georgeanne Griffith: A , Heather Luchte: P ,	Ken Campbell: P , Tami Haft: P , Vince Miller: A ,	Don Coberly P , Carson Howell: P , Matthew Rauch A ,	Shari Ellertson P , Todd King: P , Georgia Smith: A .			
Other Attendees:	Doug Armstrong – Office of the State Board of Education (OSBE) Kelly Everett – State Department of Education (SDE) Craig Shaul, Bob Uhlenkott, Salvador Vazquez – Idaho Department of Labor (IDOL) Randy Schrader– Idaho Education News						
Technical Issues							
Discussion	The meeting did not start until about 2:20 due to technical issues. On the third attempt, callers were able to join and remain on the call.						
Conclusions							
Action Items				Person Responsible		Deadline	
Approval of Meeting Minutes							
Discussion	The minutes from January 6, 2016 were not sent out.						
Conclusions	They will be approved at the next regular meeting.						
Action Items				Person Responsible		Deadline	
The January 6 and February 3 minutes will be sent to the committee.				Doug Armstrong		3/8/16	

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High School Graduation Rates		
Discussion	<p>SDE brought up the issue of masking high school graduation outcomes. These include number of graduates, number of high school seniors, and graduation percentages. The current requirement of masking values of less than 10 or 9 less than all students in the cohort makes it too hard to report on this very important metric. Points discussed include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Under current rules, all schools with 19 or less high school seniors must be masked. 2. If a school had 100 students in the senior class, any values between 0 - 9 and 91 - 100 are required to be masked. 3. Due to the large number of small schools, a significant number of school graduation rates are being masked. 4. In a vast majority of cases, the masking is for a small school with a very high graduation rate. 5. Graduation rate is one of the most important metrics reported by SDE. 6. This data is being reported to the US Department of Education. It is available on Edfax at the district level with no masking. In most cases, the small schools are the only high school in the district. 7. A request from the Idaho Education News was discussed. 8. In small schools, it is more likely to have very high graduation rates, very low graduation rates, or large changes in rates. Rates may change dramatically from year to year. Each student in the small cohort is responsible for a larger portion when percentage results are released. Releasing cohort data related to small schools cohorts makes it easier to identify the potential swings. 	
Conclusions	Shari Ellertson moved and Tami Haft seconded the motion: If there are 10 or more seniors in a high school class and 4 or more graduates, high school graduation outcomes, at the school level, do not have to be masked. This passed 8-0.	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
High school graduation outcomes may be posted using the updated rules.		
In Person Meeting		
Discussion	<p>Carson discussed the results of the Doodle pole. The in person meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 29, 2016. Only one member could not attend on this date. Boise State has volunteered to host this meeting.</p> <p>Tami Haft was forced to leave the meeting.</p>	
Conclusions	The meeting is scheduled for April 29.	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Include this date on your calendar.	All Council Members	2/12/16
Verify that BSU can host the meeting. Work with Carson on any related costs.	Shari	3/2/16
Develop a meeting agenda.	Carson	4/15/16

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IDOL - Request 9 – Individual Public Post-Secondary Retention Analysis			
Discussion	<p>There was concern related to a 17 page document sent out on the morning of the meeting. Due to this concern and the length of the meeting, it was determined to concentrate on the requests 8 and 9. These are the most time sensitive.</p> <p>Request 9 will look at gainful employment for all Idaho post-secondary graduates. It will determine the states capacity to retain graduates as well as assess the ratios of students that found employment in Idaho verses those that left the state.</p> <p>There was concern about the accuracy of an earlier report released by IDOL. BSU volunteered to work with IDOL to validate their previous report. Other institutions and OSBE should also be included in the process. After the earlier report is validated, the research may be expanded to include other items including breaking down by the individual institutions.</p>		
Conclusions	Shari made a motion and Chris seconded: Approve request 9 with contingency that it moves forward only with involvement of OSBE, IDOL, and institutional involvement and that NO institutional data or information is released without institutional approval and with an extended timeline. Approved 7-0.		
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
Salvador will work with BSU to review the last research project, discuss potential issues, and potentially expand the project.		Salvador Vazquez	2/4/16
IDOL - Request 8 – Baseline Research and Analysis for Idaho’s 2005 High School Graduate Cohort			
Discussion	Request 8 is an expansion of the WICHE research completed earlier. It will look at the current status of the 2005 Idaho high school graduates. Work will be completed by IDOL and OSBE.		
Conclusions	Shari made a motion and Chris seconded: Approve request 8 as printed. This was approved 7-0.		
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
Begin the research project.		Salvador and Andy	6/30/16
Education Northwest Dual Credit Data Request			
Discussion	<p>Carson discussed a request from Education Northwest. The request was to: Research on dual credit program participation by school and district in the state. A few items from the discussion include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The request was very general. It did not justify the very large data request. 2. The request was for student level data. There was a significant amount of concern related to the student’s privacy. 3. SDE is currently working with Education Northwest on a similar topic. There was concern that Education Northwest could use the student level data to expand on their current research. 4. The DMC approved a much better research project in 2015. 		
Conclusions	There was no motion to approve the request.		
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
Notify Education Northwest that their current request did not receive a motion to approve.		Carson Howell	2/17/2015

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Future Meeting			
Discussion	<p>Due to the technical issues and the length to cover the items above, several items were not covered. These include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SAT reports. 2. Multiple IDOL requests. 3. Diane Kelly-Reily additional data request. 4. MOU for data release for research projects. 5. Priscilla Salant data request. 		
Conclusions	Another meeting will need to be scheduled to cover issues that were not covered.		
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
Schedule and send out an agenda to complete items that were not completed		Carson and Andy	2/10/16
Meeting Adjournment			
Discussion			
Conclusions	At 4:00 PM the meeting was adjourned.		
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline