



# ND CEC Fall Newsletter

October 15th, 2014

<http://community.cec.sped.org/ND>

Hello fellow North Dakota CEC members,

On behalf of North Dakota Council for Exceptional Children, I want to welcome all of you back to another exciting school year!!

First, I want to introduce you to your 2014/15 NDCEC Executive Board: Melissa Frederick (Minot), President; Heidi Budeau (Bismarck/Mandan), Past President/Membership; Sarah Thorson (Minot), President-Elect; Nicole Johnson (Devils Lake), Treasurer; Carly Fieler (Bismarck/Mandan), Secretary; Pam Aadnes (Bismarck/Mandan), Representative Assembly/CAN; Kim Marman (Bismarck/Mandan), Representative Assembly; and Tamara Waters-Wheeler (Bismarck/Mandan), Newsletter Editor.

The North Dakota Council for Exceptional Children 2015 Annual Conference is going to be phenomenal! This year's theme is "Special Educators: Superheroes in Education." Mark your calendars for February 11-12, 2015 in Minot, ND. The North Dakota Council for Exceptional Children website has migrated to the Council for Exceptional Children Community. Our website is <http://community.cec.sped.org/ND> Please add our website in your "favorites" or "Bookmark" for the updates. Also, you can check us out on Twitter (@NDCEC922) and Facebook (North Dakota Council for Exceptional Children #922).

It is my honor to serve you as President of The North Dakota Council for Exceptional Children. Please contact me at [melissa.frederick@minot.k12.nd.us](mailto:melissa.frederick@minot.k12.nd.us) if you have any ideas, questions or concerns. I commend each and every one of you for the work you do for children with Exceptionalities. I look forward to seeing each of you at the 2015 North Dakota Council for Exceptional Children Annual Conference on February 11-13 at the Grand Hotel in Minot, ND!

Sincerely,  
Melissa Frederick  
NDCEC President 2014-15



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## SAVE THE DATE—ND CEC Conference February 11-13th, 2015 in Minot!

Our conference planning committee, headed by co-chairs, Pam Brezenski and Dr. Johnna Westby are already working hard making arrangements for you as educators for Exceptional Children. This wonderful professional development opportunity will be the highlight for you! We are excited about what our 2015 conference has to offer, as well as the top-notch speakers - Nancy

Mather, Dan Habib and Beckham Linton (Social Thinking). Not only are there opportunities to participate in pre-conference workshops focusing on specific issues, but there are breakout sessions filled with information to enhance your professional development. This event offers you an unparalleled experience to help you learn the latest in evidence-based

practices; explore innovative technologies, products, and services; and network with other professionals working with children with exceptionalities and their families.



## Special points of interest:

- ♦ *Save the Date for NDCEC Conference!*
- ♦ *Featured CEC Educator.*
- ♦ *Nominate Individuals for CEC AWARDS!*
- ♦ *Technology Tips*
- ♦ *ND Alternate Assessment*

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## Feature CEC Member: Anna Bergman

Anna is an Early Childhood Special Education teacher for Morton Sioux SPED Unit in Mandan. This is her 11th year as a teacher, 9th year in SPED and 6th year as an ECSE teacher. Anna received her BS.ED at Williston State College and her MS.ED/ECSE at Minot State University. Her favorite part of her job is when her preschool team figures out what works for each student so the team can use the student's strengths and interests to build the student's skills. She says "it

keeps things interesting to examiner what I want to teach through the eyes and interests of each individual student and then tailor the experience to address the student's goals". Anna loves that she has her students for multiple years so she can really get to know them and their families as well as see the progress on their goals. The least favorite part of Anna's job is recess duty:) This is Anna's second year in CEC and she loves to sew, crochet and do anything crafty. She also likes to

cook and try new recipes. Anna lives in Mandan with her husband and three children.



## The NEW North Dakota Alternate Assessment

On Sept 23rd, 2014, 200+ educators gather for training on the new alternate state assessment. The training consisted of an intro to the new alternate assessment, completion of four of the seven required training modules and a lot of discussion and questions!

Some of the primary discussion revolved around the new guidelines and which students would meet these guidelines to do the alternate assessment. Recommendations are

that only 1% of students should be taking the alternate assessment. Tammy Henke, Assistant SPED Director at DPI did stress that "the 1% is a guideline, think about what is best for each student and make your decisions based on that along with the guidelines."

According to the training, the new alternate assessment is designed to help the examinee to be as independent as possible during the test taking session. All testing takes

place on the computer with allowable assistive tech devices such as switches and modified keyboards.

Physical prompts and hand over hand guidance is discouraged and considered bad practice for the testing situation.

These changes, along with more information can be found at:

<http://dynamiclearningmaps.org/northdakota>

## Technology Tip

**WEBSITE 2.0: Cool Tools for Schools**—Proud winner of MERLOT Award for Exemplary Online Learning Resources – MERLOT Classics 2011 —teacher maintained website with tons of online tools and apps such as drawing, writing, organizing and collaborating tools, just to name a few. Go to: <http://cooltoolsforschools.wikispaces.com/Home>

**Your Special Chef**—is a collection of resources to help teach cooking skills to individuals with special needs. Click around the site to find cue-card recipes, lesson plans for life skills teachers, video tips, and more! Go to: [http://www.yourspecialchef.com/ysc\\_production/\\_design/app/\\_show/static/Home](http://www.yourspecialchef.com/ysc_production/_design/app/_show/static/Home)



**Online Typing Tutorials**—

<http://play.typeracer.com>

<http://typingweb.com>

[www.buttonbeats.com](http://www.buttonbeats.com)

# MINUTES: NDCEC MEETING

Date | time 10/9/2014 8:00 PM | Meeting called to order by Melissa Frederick

Melissa Frederick, Tamara Waters-Wheeler, Carly Feiler, Heidi Budeau, Pam Brezenski, Amy Braddick  
Tamara Waters-Wheeler

## Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the June Meeting were approved.

## Treasurer's Report

Checking: \$27,889.00  
Savings: \$515.11  
CD: \$5,859.48

## Committee Reports

Publications- Tamara Reported

Newsletter will be published Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>

Articles:

- President's message
- Article on ND Alternate Assessment
- Technology "Tips:
- Save the Date for Conference
- Featured SPED Educator
- Featured SPED Student
- Exec Board Minutes
- Info on Nominations for Elections
- Article on couple things from Title 1 Conference

Membership-Heidi Reported

Membership Madness will run through the end of October

The board discussed possible doing a drawing for all new members to win a free registration to the state conference

## Old Business

State Convention: Pam reported

2015 NDCEC Convention will be held in Minot, ND on February 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> at the Grand International Hotel and convention center.

The theme of the conference will be "Super Heroes of Education"

### **Wednesday night:**

NDCPD will be sponsoring an open floor discussion and panel on self-advocacy

### **Thursday's presenters:**

Nancy Mather- "Reading Disabilities the Elephant in the Room"

Beckham Linton w/ Social Thinking- "Thinking about you...thinking about me."

### **Thursday Night Social-** "History of CEC"

### **Fridays presenters:**

Dan Habib- "Saving Samuel"

Breakout sessions

Dan Habib

Quick and Quill- strategies for working with students with mental health issues

Protection and Advocacy- seclusion in schools  
2016 Convention- Fargo  
2017 Convention-Bismarck

### Budget

A motion was made at the June Board Retreat:

Proposed budget to take \$500 from line 700 and create 700a and 700b with \$20 allocated in them to be for insurance and misc.

This will be voted on by the membership electronically

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### New Business

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#### Awards

**YES I Can Awards-** due Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> to CEC Headquarters  
Minot thought that they would have a students nominated

Dakota that the board was aware of.

**Humanitarian-** that state board has not received any nominations

**TOY-**Heidi reported that she had sent out an e-mail to all of the membership on nominating a Teacher of The Year but has yet to hear back from anyone.

**New Awards-** voted on by membership 2/7/14

**Para educator of the Year-** nomination form located on the NDCEC Website

**General Education Teacher of the Year-** in the process of creating a nomination form

**Employer of the Year-** in the process of creating a nomination form

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### Social Media

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**Facebook-** NDCEC has a new Facebook page that contains information about the upcoming conference and other resources for teachers

**Twitter-** NDCEC now has a Twitter account that will provide updates on current events and issues

**Micro site-** we have combined our old website with micro site. We are also in the process of working with Eventbrite to have online registration for the state conference.

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### Election of NDCEC Officers

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The following positions will be up for election this February:

President-elect

Newsletter Editor (2yr term)

Secretary (2yr term)

Representative to the Assembly

The board discussed possible candidates and the need to get people to run prior to the member breakfast at the state conference in February.

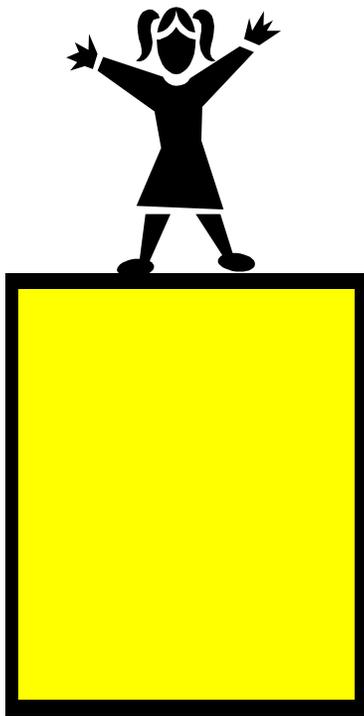
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### Next Meeting

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12/5/2014 5:00 PM, via Google Hangout

Motion to adjourn was made at 9:15pm and was passed unanimously.



**We would like to feature a student/activity in Special Education for each newsletter and on our website. If you have a student who you would like to have featured in the next newsletter or if you have something cool going on at your school or in your classroom, please email **Tamara Waters-Wheeler, Newsletter Editor at: [tamarawaters@hotmail.com](mailto:tamarawaters@hotmail.com)****

## Resources

*Worksheets Don't Grow Dendrites—20 Instructional Strategies that Engage the Brain*—Author: Marcia Tate; Corwin Publishers (ISBN 9781412953337).

*The Boy Who Was Raised as A Dog—Stories from a Child Psychiatrist's Notebook*—Author: Bruce D. Perry, M.D., Ph.D.; Basic Books Publishing (9780465056538).

Council for Exceptional Children Website: <http://www.cec.sped.org/>

CEC Community Website: <http://community.cec.sped.org/Home/>

Foldable Wiki: <http://foldables.wikispaces.com/Foldables>