

# Blue Ribbon Mathematics Partnership Meeting Notes

In affiliation with Doddridge, Hampshire, Harrison, Marion, Mineral, Monongalia, Preston, Randolph, Ritchie, Taylor, Upshur and Wood Counties, Fairmont State College, West Virginia University - Morgantown, and West Virginia University-Parkersburg

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**Members Present:** Delwin DeLong, Allan Meck, Diana Munza, Holly Plunkett, Laura Pyzdrowski, Lalah Larew, Cheryl Reger, Joe Reisen

## **HOT OFF THE PRESS: Blue Ribbon Algebra Grant was FUNDED!**

1. Our Data Analysis and Probability Workshop and follow-up sessions were a huge success. The consultant, James Lang, did an excellent job. Curriculum developed by participants will be posted to our website by February.
2. A Blue Ribbon Algebra Grant was submitted through the Improving Teacher Quality Grant Program. The project is designed to provide professional development to mathematics and special educators with the specific goal of improving the quality of teaching algebra to special needs students. The consultants will be Kenna Barger and Amy Rice. The proposal was for \$32,783 of support. It was decided that 2 participants, one each a mathematics educator and a special educator, would be recruited as a team from the Blue Ribbon counties. Applications will be accepted with priority until April 30. After that date, other teams would be admitted on a first come, first to get in basis. **PLEASE HELP RECRUIT PARTICIPANTS FROM YOUR COUNTIES AND SCHOOLS.** Application forms will be posted on the Web Page [www.blueribbon.ws](http://www.blueribbon.ws).
3. The 15 lap top computers with appropriate software are available for use for 1-2 one day workshops. The grant was made through the Institute for Math Learning from the Higher Education Policy Commission incentive monies. The computers will be made available for use by the Blue Ribbon Committee and for sessions at the West Virginia Council of Teachers of Mathematics. A TI Interactive workshop for Blue Ribbon members and guests with a max of up to 30 participants is being planned for May 3. More details to follow as plans are being made.
4. The Blue Ribbon Committee will hold its next meeting at NASA IV & V in Fairmont in order to accommodate a joint speaker. Please see the announcement below.
5. Del DeLong will be retiring at the end of this year and has recommended that Grant Spenser and Brenda Martin share the responsibility as his replacement. He will make arrangements with them so that we may continue to host our meetings at Bridgeport High School on Wednesday at 4:00 as scheduled.
6. Allen Meck will ask Gale Boden to join the committee and Laura will invite Kathy Marino to join the committee. Other members are invited to recruit co-representatives from their counties. They are also invited to nominate members from non-Blue Ribbon counties.

At 5:00, Cheryl Reger gave an excellent presentation on Collegial Professional Learning Communities. Anyone interested in more information should contact Cheryl at [creger@access.k12.wv.us](mailto:creger@access.k12.wv.us)

Next Meeting February - on February 19th, Brenda West will present NAEP: The Nation's Report Card and It's Role in West Virginia Assessment. Participants will hear about the history

of NAEP, what the NAEP assessment looks like, how NAEP results may be used by educators, and what NAEP resources are available. The implications of NAEP in No Child Left Behind will be discussed, along with how NAEP is integrated into the West Virginia Assessment Program. The presentation will also feature highlights of the new West Virginia Assessment Program.

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