

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: John Curan, Toni DeVore, Debbie Grimes, Lisa Hileman, Traci Knight, Lalah Larew, Allan Meck, Laura Pyzdrowski, Holly Plunkett, Joe Riesen, Sue Steinbeck,
Guest: Larry Lamb

1. Welcome John Curan our newest member from Salem International University
2. The Improving Teacher Quality project, Blue Ribbon Applied Geometry ITQ-04-WVU2 is going well. The project is providing professional development to 23 mathematics and special educators with the specific goal of improving the quality of teaching geometry to students with special needs. Consultants are Dr. Ann Richards, Amy Rice, Laura Pyzdrowski and Oran Pale who is a Key Curriculum Press Consultant. The two follow up sessions had a focus on lesson study groups focusing on student work. The award was for \$32,394.
3. The Blue Ribbon Origami project funded by a NASA mini grant is to be held on October 16. The national consultant Oran Pyle is sent by Key Curriculum Press. The workshop will be held at WU-Morgantown from 8:30 - 4:30. At this time there are 20 of 25 slots filled. Participants will pay \$10 the day of the event to help cover the cost of food. Key Curriculum will provide workshop materials.
4. A Teacher Quality project will be submitted to continue the teaming of special and mathematics educators with the primary goal of developing productive learning communities. Dr. Ann Richards from the WU Special Education Department will serve as PI and will work with Laura to take forward this initiative. It is expected that only a few of the Blue Ribbon Counties will participate in this more regional/school based project. Participation from 3 - 4 counties will provide up to 30 teacher participants.
5. The Blue Ribbon Web Site has been updated. Please check to make sure that member and school information is correct and that links are not broken. Corrections/edits should be submitted to Laura.

At 5:00: West Virginia Mathematics Coordinator, Larry Lamb presented the 5-Year Mathematics Plan for West Virginia

Next meeting to be held at 4:00, March 9 at Bridgeport High School.