

# Blue Ribbon Mathematics Partnership Meeting Notes

In affiliation with Hampshire, Harrison, Marion, Mineral, Monongalia, Preston, Randolph, Ritchie, Taylor, Tucker, Upshur and Wood Counties, Fairmont State University, West Virginia University - Morgantown, WVU-Parkersburg, and the NASA Education Resource Center in Fairmont

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**Present:** Carla Brigandi, Pam Casto, Susan Goodwin, Dennine LaRue, Maria Marsicano, Allan Meck, Wes Norris, Laura Pyzdrowski, Joe Riesen, and Scott Staley

1. The group continues to develop a Teacher Quality Grant proposal for Blue Ribbon Math with Forensics. This project will support teachers of Grade 8 and MathI/Algebra I. It was suggested that it would also be good to target teachers in Technology Centers and teachers of gifted students in the middle schools. It might also be the case that teachers in Criminal Justice could be interested. At this time partner counties are: Hampshire, Harrison, Marion, Preston and Taylor. There is also interest from West Virginia Department of Education /OIEP. Office of Institutional Education Programs. Week of July 18 has been tentatively selected for the week-long meeting.

Dennine LaRue is willing to serve as a project assistant and host some of the sessions (most likely week-long) at Fairmont.

WVU Forensics faculty have been contacted and they are willing to support the project. Fairmont also has contact who may be willing to work with the group. Dennine will follow through.

A needs survey with teachers in partnering counties has been conducted to inform project goals.

Blue Ribbon representatives and other partner teachers and administrators continue to work on project development. The proposal will be submitted through WVU prior to Thanksgiving Break to allow time for processing.

2. Presentation by *Dr. Greg Strimel, "Project Lead the Way"* with guest webinar presenter Alana Parks

Recommendations were made for a future presentation by Rick Gilman on the Simulated Workplace see: [wvde.state.wv.us/simulated-workplace](http://wvde.state.wv.us/simulated-workplace)

3. Update: Our next meeting will be held March 30 (Fairmont State) Cindy Burke, WVDE Coordinator Office of Middle and Secondary Learning will be presenting. (Thanks Dennine for making the arrangements.)

