

## 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:** Brian Blackwood, Susan Goodwin, Josh Karr, Dennine LaRue, Bob Niichel, Laura Pyzdrowski, Joe Riesen, Elaine Schwing

1. We had continued discussions regarding offering a Math III project next year. Dr. Carl Lee from University of Kentucky is a possible content consultant and Dr. Margie Darrah has volunteered to consult for some of the one-day sessions. The content focus of the project will be Math III. Partner LEAs will be finalized this week. So far, approximately 25 spots are being held for nine counties. The needs analysis is pointing to content clusters in Data Analysis and Modeling as those most needed for the Professional Development focus. There will also be professional development strand built into in the project continuing to strengthen the Differentiated Instruction (DI)/Universal Design for Learning (UDL) pathway. Dr. Kim Floyd from WVU will be a CO-PI on the grant and specializes in that area.

This year, we anticipate a one-day pre-session prior to the week-long workshop that will occur in late May or early June. The week-long workshop will take place in the second or third week of July. It is anticipated that there will be two face-to-face follow-up sessions. One in late August or early September and the other in November. Survey results from current Math II project participants and those participating in the Math III on-line survey indicate a desire for less online work and more face-to-face. Therefore, only about three hours of online work will be stranded through the fall semester with that mostly focusing on lesson plan feedback (both giving and receiving). It is suggested that grouping participants and feedback prompts be similar to those used in the Math I project. The total amount of time and work would for the project will be that required to earn 3 graduate credits, but the credits will be split across the summer (2 credits) and fall (1 credit). This project will have its face-to-face meetings in Morgantown. Each participant will develop a lesson (most likely multi-day) using project materials to take back and use in their classroom. Because the lesson implementation will occur in October, some leeway will be given to topic chosen.

Teachers will be paid a \$100 per day stipend; online work will count toward that time. Participants will have the opportunity to earn graduate credit at a reduced rate if interested.

We will partner with Dr. Greg Strimel at WVU Academic Innovation to make use of the online materials developed in partnership with WVDE which correspond to the WV Next Generation Standards and Math III.

2. Presentation by Dennine LaRue, Joe Riesen and Fairmont State Colleagues: *A report on the Conference Board of Mathematical Sciences Forum on "success in the first two years of college."*
3. Our next meeting will be held Feb. 11 (Morgantown) John Ford, WV Secondary Mathematics Coordinator to present The State of Mathematics Education in West Virginia.
4. Final Meeting of the Year to be held March 11 (Fmt). We will be meeting in a computer lab to take and discuss the Smarter Balanced published sample assessments.