

Blue Ribbon Mathematics Partnership Meeting Notes

In affiliation with Doddridge, Hampshire, Harrison, Marion, Mineral, Monongalia, Preston, Randolph, Ritchie, Taylor, Upshur and Wood Counties, Davis and Elkins College, Fairmont State College, Ohio Valley University, West Virginia University - Morgantown, West Virginia University-Parkersburg, West Virginia Wesleyan College and the NASA Education Resource Center in Fairmont

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Present: Allan Edwards, Todd Ensign, Debby Grimes, Lisa Hileman, Susan Goodwin, Boyd Holtan, Traci Knight, Lalah Larew, Allen Meck, Diana Munza, Holly Plunkett, Laura Pyzdrowski, Cheryl Reger, Susan Sun, Donna Trulik, Pam Wovchko

1. The Blue Ribbon Applied Algebra Grant will be submitted. The initial week of workshop if funded will tentatively be held in August with 3 follow-ups sessions to be held through spring 2008. Teacher pairs of those teaching Algebra I and Applied Math will first be accepted for Counties writing letters of support. As in the past, once the initial deadline is past, any teacher from West Virginia will be accepted in the order of application arrival. Dr. Fred Butler is the PI on the grant with Dr. Melanie Butler and Dr. Laura Pyzdrowski serving as CO-PI and Dr. Jim Rye serving as an instructional consultant. Local Education Agency Blue Ribbon Members are asked to help get letters of support for this project.

2. Anyone interested in beginning a section of WvEB Algebra or WvEB Trig is welcome to contact Laura for more information. Informational visits for administrators, students, and parents are usually scheduled in the fall. There is a strong probability that grant funds will become available to increase stipends for those offering the course for the first time.

3. The NASA Space Grant Consortium has funds available for professional development projects. See nasa.wvu.edu Blue Ribbon Members are encouraged to seek funds through this opportunity. In addition, Susan Goodwin and Al Edwards have been successful in obtaining funds from Texas Instruments to host workshops for pre-service teachers. Susan and Al are willing to share information with anyone who has an interest.

4. All members are being asked to bring a Science Colleague to the next Blue Ribbon Meeting to jump start the Blue Ribbon Science Partnership Committee.

5. The group has decided to have the next meeting at the NASA center in Fairmont and the web site will be updated to reflect the change in meeting place. In addition, Doddridge and Ritchie Counties will be contacted before the next meeting to determine if they still wish to participate with this group. If not, the web site will be updated. We will continue to have one or two members officially be representatives of each Blue Ribbon Partner. Those members are encouraged to bring guests to meetings when appropriate.

Dates for next meetings are February 28, and April 18.

At 4:45 Todd Ensign presented Fly by Math and Line up with Math which is curriculum developed for use in Algebra by NASA. The group had the opportunity to talk with the authors of the materials.