

Blue Ribbon Mathematics Partnership Meeting Notes

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Present: Margie Darrah, Pam Casto, Melissa Farley, Susan Goodwin, Debby Grimes, Lisa Hileman, Kathy Marino, Maria Marsicam, Allan Meck, Holly Plunkett, Joe Riesen, Laura Pyzdrowski

1. Pam Casto is the new ERC representative working with Todd at the NASA IV&V facility. Welcome Pam.
2. The Algebra Support applications and announcements were distributed at the meeting. We will begin the project in January of 2010 with the funding available from the WVDE and from CASE (Center for the Advancement of STEM Education). The application will be posted on the Blue Ribbon web site. There will be five days of professional development offered. Stipends will be \$150 per day for five days. Though we will work with Dimension M gaming software and curriculum materials with robotics, some of the project will be scaled back. At most 15 teachers will be supported in the project and school/county teams are encouraged. The first deadline for applications is set for November 18 at which time non-Blue Ribbon county applications will be accepted.
3. Fairmont has agreed to submit an application to host a TI-Nspire workshop. Watch for information to be posted on the Blue Ribbon site as we obtain more information.
4. Our guest presenter was Tonya Hancock from Texas Instruments. She brought TI-Nspire technology for a hands-on session showcasing the latest mathematics technology updates in the TI-Nspire Teacher Edition software. She gave participants the opportunity to get our own license (our gift for attending)! In addition, one participant received a door prize of a TI-Nspire! Thanks Tonya!
5. Our next meetings will be at the I-79 Technology Park Research Center (formerly known as the ISR building) on March 3 and April 14.