

# 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 University and Pierpont 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:** Laura Capozzi, Brian Fisher, Deb Hemler, Lisa Hileman, Bobbie Gelpi, Susan Goodwin, Lalah Larew, Mark Lynch, Katherine Marino, Allen Meck, Diana Munza, Holly Plunkett, Laura Pyzdrowski, Cheryl Reger, Susan Sun, Donna Trulik,

1. The Blue Ribbon Applied Algebra Grant was not funded. Comments were as follows:

- *While recognizing the work of the Blue Ribbon Partnership, it did not appear there was a true commitment from the individual school districts.*
- *There is a question on how much a district can be impacted though limited participation (two teachers/county).*
- *The proposal did not adequately address the need for the project.*
- *The proposal did not adequately address the element of being integrated into systemic reform efforts of the districts or having an awareness and commitment of district five-year plans.*

We will begin discussions for professional development needs and opportunities at our next meeting.

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. See [www.wvebmath.ws](http://www.wvebmath.ws) for more information.

3. The NASA Space Grant Consortium has funds available for professional development projects. See [nasa.wvu.edu](http://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. Our Ritchie County member has been in contact and will continue to partner with us. A message was sent to the principal of Doddridge County High School regarding continued participation in Blue Ribbon.

5. The group has decided to have the next meeting at the I-79 Technology Park Research Center (formerly known as the ISR building) and the web site will be updated to reflect the change in meeting place. This change was necessary since all members are unable to gain access to the meeting facilities due to citizenship restrictions.

6. The follow-up mathematics and science group discussion focused on the development of a needs assessment to be given to teachers in the region. Collected information can be used

Next Meeting: April 18