

Blue Ribbon Mathematics Partnership Meeting Notes

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

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Present: Margie Darrah, Todd Ensign, Susan Goodwin, Lisa Hileman, Linda King, Kathy Marino, Allan Meck, Holly Plunkett, Cheryl Reger, Joe Riesen, Laura Pyzdrowski, Ye Sun, Michelle Swope

1. Michelle Swope is our newest Blue Ribbon Member representing Wetzel County. Welcome Michelle!
2. Update Web Pages : Please send Laura any information to update the web site
3. Margie Darrah has the DVD Series "Against All Odds" that was purchased for use with the 21st Century Statistics Project. Teachers are invited to borrow any DVD as well as 10, TI 84 calculators purchased for the project. Please contact Margie if you are interested.
4. The Algebra Support Digital Gaming proposal was submitted to the Benedum Foundation and not funded. Partner counties included Monongalia and Marion with additional interest expressed by Preston and Wetzel counties. There is partial funding available from the WVDE and from CASE (Center for the Advancement of STEM Education) to run a small project. However, the group is determining which Blue Ribbon Counties may wish to partner in an extended project that could be funded by the WV Teacher Quality Program. A minimum of 15 teachers will be supported by the project. In order to submit a Teacher Quality Proposal, it is necessary for designated "at risk" counties to be involved in the partnership. Those counties are listed in the Teacher Quality RFP sent via email to members. A week long summer workshop is anticipated to take place the third week of June. Primary instructional components will be: Tabula Digita - Dimension M software, Robot Algebra and materials from the WVDE Teach 21 site. Counties are asked to contact Laura by September 15 if interested in participating in the revised project.
5. There are plans to begin development of a WvEB Calculus course and an NSF proposal has been submitted. Mike Mays will be the PI and Laura Pyzdrowski and Dr. Mary Ann Clarke are Co- PIs. Mary Ann will be the instructor of record from WVU. Anyone interested in learning more is welcome to become involved. There is concern on how the offering of a WvEB Calculus course will affect the AP Calculus courses at some high schools.
8. Our next meetings will be at the I-79 Technology Park Research Center (formerly known as the ISR building). On Wednesday, November 4 in order to discuss the Algebra Support Project in more detail before it is due