

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: Margie Darrah, Susan Goodwin, Josh Karr, Dennine LaRue, Ted LaRue, Maria Marsicano, Allan Meck, Diana Munza, Bob Nicely, Wes Norris, Janalee Poe, Laura Pyzdrowski, Joe Riesen, and Elaine Schwing

1. The group decided to move forward with a Teacher Quality Grant proposal for Blue Ribbon Forensics. This project will be developed to support our Next Generation Content Standards and will most likely target teachers of Grade 8 and Algebra I. Because extensions to the materials can be made, all high school math teachers can be invited to attend. We also propose to address methods that can be used to maximize learning outcomes for academically capable learners.

It is the intent to contact representatives from the WVU Forensics program and WVU Academic Innovation to determine if there is interest in collaborating on components of the project.

We will need to conduct a needs survey with teachers in partnering counties to determine interest in the project.

We anticipate the project meetings will take place in Morgantown or Fairmont.

Laura will determine by Friday, September 25 the counties wishing to partner in this project. We will need to make sure that a majority of participants come from counties listed in the RFP.

As in the past, we anticipate a one-day pre-session prior to the week-long workshop which will most likely take place in the second or third week of July. It is anticipated that there will be two face-to-face follow-up sessions with some online work stranded through the fall semester. The total amount of time and work would be that required to earn 3 graduate credits. This project will have its pre and post face-to-face meetings at WVU in Morgantown. The week long event may be at Fairmont State or Morgantown High School. Each participant will develop a lesson (most likely multi-day) using project materials to take back and use in their classroom.

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.

2. Presentation by Dennine LaRue: *Setting Cut Scores on the Smarter Balance Assessment*
3. Our next meeting will be held October 14 (Academic Innovation in Morgantown) Dr. Greg Strimel will be presenting on Project Lead the Way.

