

Blue Ribbon Mathematics Partnership Meeting Notes

In affiliation with Doddridge, Hampshire, Harrison, Marion, Mineral, Monongalia, Preston, Randolph, Ritchie, Taylor, Upshur and Wood Counties, Fairmont State College, West Virginia University - Morgantown, and West Virginia University-Parkersburg

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Members Present: Gale Boden, Donna Contic, Karen Davis, Al Edwards, Brenda Flanigan, Bobbie Gelpie, Boyd Holtan, Randy King, Traci Knight, Allan Meck, Diana Munza, Laura Pyzdrowski, Joe Riesen

1. Welcome Karen Davis and Donna Contic our new members
2. The Blue Ribbon proposal for an Improving Teacher Quality Grant was funded. Blue Ribbon Applied Geometry will provide professional development to mathematics and special educators with the specific goal of improving the quality of teaching geometry to special needs students. Amy Rice and Dr. Anne Richards will team as our special education consultants. In addition, a Key Curriculum Press Consultant will come for 3 days to work on Discovering Geometry topics. The week long session will be held in the mathematics department at WVU August 2 - 6 with two follow-up sessions. At this time, all participant spots are filled.
3. NASA Mini Grants - Two NASA mini grants were awarded for Blue Ribbon Projects. Dr Joseph Riesen and Dr. Lalah Larew will direct an Algebra workshop in Harrison County and Dr. Laura Pyzdrowski will direct an Origami workshop at WVU Morgantown. October 9 or October 16 have been recommended as possible dates for the Origami workshop.
4. There is interest in hearing more about graduate courses that are available to mathematics teachers. Dr. Robert Mayes and Dr. Sandra Atkins will be invited to meet with the group to discuss opportunities.
5. It was decided to hold off the development of a formal mission statement. Anyone interested in leading a group to explore this idea in more detail should contact Laura.
6. There is an interest in holding professional development sessions for high school mathematics teachers who wish to obtain national board certification. The next Blue Ribbon project will build upon that idea. Members are asked to find out if there is interest in home counties in order to decide how many individuals would participate in the project.
7. Future Meeting Dates: September 15, October 13, March 9 and April 20. Thanks to Brenda Flanigan for hosting the meetings this year. We will continue to meet at Bridgeport High School.

At 5:00: Dr. Joseph Riesen and Karen Davis presented GPS and Mathematics

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