

Blue Ribbon Mathematics Partnership Meeting Notes

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

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Members Present: Delwin DeLong, Al Edwards, Christina Gomez, Debbie Grimes, Boyd Holtan, Libby Frye, Allan Meck, James Miller, Laura Pyzdrowski, Sue Steinbeck, Toni DeVore.

Brochures were passed out containing information about the new Math Institute at WVU Morgantown. The new director is Dr. Robert Mayes. He will begin his position in July and will be involved in MERIT and other State and Regional projects. He will be invited to be a member of the Blue Ribbon Committee.

The Blue Ribbon Geometry Institute will be funded in part by \$19,036 in Eisenhower Professional Development Funds EPDP-01-WVU-7, \$4000 Texas Instruments a Geomath short course mini-grant and over \$6000 support from Blue Ribbon Counties and WVU Morgantown. Also a Spherical Geometry Workshop will be third in a year long series of Blue Ribbon geometry offerings. This Key Curriculum Press customized Lénárt Sphere workshop will be funded by a WVU NASA space grant. Information about the institute and workshop are found on the webpage (www.blueribbon.ws)

Blue Ribbon and WvEB Math courses have been successful. Both projects will see increased enrollment in the 2001-02 academic year. Information about the Blue Ribbon course may be found at www.blueribbon.ws. Results of the pilot semester of the WvEB Algebra course may be found at www.wvebmath.ws.

All WVU campuses have been involved in course renumbering. Please see <http://www.arc.wvu.edu/courses/> for more information.

Fall 2000 school and county Results for grade distributions in entry level mathematics courses were given to individual members.

Interest grows withing the State for the Secondary Project Collaboration. Allen Meck was recommended as a committee contact about Blue Ribbon interest in the project.

Meetings will Alternate between Wednesday and Thursday next year to accommodate all members

It was suggested that the Blue Ribbon Committee invite a few more counties to participate. Contacts will be made this summer.

James Miller presented some MathWright workbooks that were developed by teachers to use in classrooms. He indicated that Workshops could be offered for teachers who are interested in learning to author their own notebooks using this package.

At 5:00, Japanese Mathematics Education presentation by Dr. Toni DeVore (Diana Munza is ill - Get Well Soon!)

Next Meeting September 12 - Debby Grimes: Advanced Placement Calculus