

## 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:** Delwin DeLong, Al Edwards, Libby Frye, Allan Meck, Holly Plunkett, Laura Pyzdrowski, Cheryl Reger, Sue Steinbeck

Final word has arrived for the Eisenhower Grant. We were funded at \$28,000 for our Data Analysis and Probability Workshop. The consultant, James Lang, has tentatively confirmed for the week of August 5 - 9. The two follow-up session dates are yet to be determined.

Application forms will be sent to members and posted on the Web Page as soon as possible. Due to the cut in funding, the number of participants is limited to 21. It was decided that 1-2 high school participants from the Blue Ribbon counties will be accepted with priority until May 10. After that date, others would be admitted on a first come, first to get in basis. One higher education participant from last year requested to attend the project this summer if funded. He will be accepted with priority if his application comes in by May 10.

Since the fathom follow-up session was cut from the Eisenhower proposal do to funding restrictions, a Nasa mini grant was submitted to make up the session. We are still waiting to hear about this proposal.

There is a great possibility that there will be 15 lap top computers with appropriate software available for use for 1-2 one day spring workshops. If the grant comes through for the Institute for Math Learning, the computers will be made available for use by the Blue Ribbon Committee and for sessions at the West Virginia Council of Teachers of Mathematics. Lalah Larew has volunteered to do an introductory Geometer s Sketchpad workshop. If the entire grant is funded, there will be money to pay Lalah, and 1-2 high school teachers to hold workshops at Flatwoods or an off-WVU Morgantown campus location.

Dr. Reimanschneider, the chair of WVU-Morgantown mathematics department is interested in promoting an Elementary Math Fair in the schools. He sent informational material to the committee. It has also been suggested that workshops be developed for elementary teachers to learn more about the new math content standards and how to implement them into the classroom. It was suggested that both of these projects be taken to the MSTC committee for comment and support.

Information for MERIT and TI grant opportunities were made available to those in attendance. Members are encouraged to recruit middle school mathematics teachers for involvement in project MERIT.

WvEB Algebra placement testing will begin soon. Any teachers/counties interested in participating with the program through either WVU-Morgantown or WVU-Parkersburg should contact Laura Pyzdrowski or Al Edwards respectively.

At 5:00 The State math Science Coordinator Steve Woodruff presented to both the Blue Ribbon and MSTC members.

Next Meeting April 10 - Karen Mitchell: Project ENCOMPASS - at Bridgeport High School