

**Blue Ribbon Mathematics Partnership Meeting Notes:
10/18/00**

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

Members Present:

Delwin DeLong, Al Edwards, Christina Gomez, Boyd Holtan, Don Kenyon, Allan Meck, James Miller, Diana Munza, Holly Plunkett, Debbie Seldomridge, Sue Steinbeck, Laura Pyzdrowski, Ted VanScoy.

Guests:

Libby Frye, Sherm Riemenschneider, Dan

Introduction of new members:

Christina Gomez from WVU, Don Kenyon from Grafton High School, Debbie Seldomridge from Keyser High School, and Ted VanScoy from Ritchie County High School were introduced to the group. Other new members not present include Charlotte Starkey from Doddridge County and Debbie Grimes from Preston County.

State WvEB Algebra Course:

The State algebra course is currently being offered in Lincoln High School, Fairmont High School and Spring Valley High School. Students involved in the project are receiving College Algebra Credit. Harrison County schools, Roan County High School, Hedgesville High School, Keyser High School, and George Washington High School will be participating this spring. Students involved in the project receive 3 credits of college algebra from Fairmont, Marshall, WVU or WVUIT.

Math Institute:

The WVU mathematics department is developing a Math Institute to focus on projects to help students who are enrolled in "service" mathematics courses at the University. Four new faculty positions will be advertised. The Blue Ribbon Committee plays an important role in guiding and developing some of the projects of the institute.

Blue Ribbon Pre-Calculus Course:

The Precalculus course was a success. The committee is interested in expanding to other sites. We need to discuss how to encourage students to participate in the project. Parkersburg High and University High will offer the course this spring. Bridgeport can not meet the 10 student quota (set by the school) to offer the course.

The committee continues to grow. Laura and James will remain coordinators this year.

Ideas for Professional Development and Projects:

A Geometer's Sketchpad workshop will be planned for spring and/or summer. A planning grant to develop a link for MERIT, WvEB ALGEBRA and the Blue Ribbon Pre-Calculus Course will be undertaken.

Dan Gardner who is a middle school teacher from Mineral County presented instructional materials from Project MERIT. Members gained some hands-on experience as we learned more about MERIT. This presentation was a follow-up to the presentation made by the State Mathematics Coordinator, Larry Lamb, at the Spring Dinner/Meeting.

Next Meeting:

Jim Snyder from It's About Time Publishers will present some instructional materials from MATH Connections. The MATH Connections program is a National Science Foundation project and is a reform program. He will review a correlation to the State IGO's.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday December 6 at 4:00. This time and date were chosen to accommodate our guest presenter.

Check out the Blue Ribbon Web Site at <http://web.math.wvu.edu/BlueRibbon/index.html>
Revisions have been made and will be liked soon.