

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, Lynn Cutlip, Delwin DeLong, Toni DeVore, Al Edwards, Bobbie Gelpi, Debbie Grimes, Kathy Marino, Allan Meck,, Holly Plunkett, Laura Pyzdrowski, Lalah Larew, Cheryl Reger, Sue Steinbeck **Guest:** Mike Mays

1. Welcome new members Gale Boden from Mineral County, and Lynn Cutlip, Bobbie Gelpi and Kathy Marino from Harrison County! We will miss you Del and hope that you enjoy your retirement!

2. The Blue Ribbon committee will submit a proposal for an Improving Teacher Quality Grant. Based on previous discussions and input from previous participants in Blue Ribbon events, the group intends to submit a proposal to provide professional development to mathematics and special educators with the specific goal of improving the quality of teaching geometry to special needs students. Consultants must be selected and contacted. It was decided that 2 participants, one each a mathematics educator and a special educator, would be recruited as a team from the Blue Ribbon counties and although teams are preferred singletons would be accepted once all team slots are filled. Other topics for consideration for sessions are learning styles, special learning problems, and putting the content standards int action.

3. NASA Mini Grant Opportunity - The NASA MINI grant proposals for WvEB Algebra and WvEB Trigonometry workshops were not funded.

4. The Blue Ribbon TI - Interactive Workshop will be held at the Bridgeport Holiday Inn on May 3 using funds from and Incentive Grant from the Higher Education Policy Commission for Outreach Initiatives. Sam and Jill Gough from TI will be the consultants.

5. The Blue Ribbon Web Site will be edited. A new page for event postings will be created.

6. Discussion to place about the following questions: How can we encourage more active participation from all Blue Ribbon Counties? How can we get financial support from the counties as matching funds for our grant proposals?

At 5:00 Mike Mays presented WvEB Trig to the group. An anticipated 150 - 200 students will be enrolled in the WvEB Trig course in the Spring 2004 semester.

Next Meetings: September 10, October 22, March 10 and April 21.

Next meeting to be held at 4:00 at Bridgeport High School. Sue Steinbeck will present about National Board Certification.