



Consortium Minutes

November 7th, 2008

With corrections from 4/10/09

Attendees: Samantha Carlon, CUESTE Student; Robert Waltenbrug, Grant ESD Superintendent; Liz Brice, MTE Student; Jillian Chandler, MTE Student; Heather Stanhope, EOU Staff; Ray Brown, EOU Faculty; Lisa Schiedler, CUESTE Student; Gray Humphries, TSPC Commissioner; Dale Freeman, Teacher; Frank Bushakra, MTE Faculty; Deb Koopman, EOU Staff; Don Ulrey, Baker Superintendent; Jim Keene, Pendleton Superintendent; Eric Volger, Umatilla/Morrow ESD, School Improvement Director; Mark Mulvihill, Umatilla/Morrow ESD Superintendent; Nancy Knowles, OWP Director; Larry Glaze, La Grande Superintendent; Pat DesJardin, Teacher; Beth Upshaw, EOU Staff; and Carol Lauritzen, Dean College of Education

- Selection of a chair – Lisa Schiedler was nominated as chair
- Carol had attendees introduced themselves.
- Minutes from the March 14, 2008 were read and approved
- Updates from schools, districts and teacher representatives
 - Jim Keene, Pendleton
Search process for new superintendent
 - Dale Freeman, Teacher Pendleton High School
The grade and attendance machine is having some problems, but they are working on it. The Pendleton High School was selected to participate with the ECMC state wide program. This program is set up for at risk students. The teacher receives a \$500 scholarship to work with these students. Pendleton had 84 sophomore students in this program. 26 High Risk students - 10 of them will graduate and receive \$4000 college scholarship.
 - Gary Humphries, TSPC Representative
TSPC is still working on the back log of discipline issues.
Discussion about Praxis Test
 - Robert Waltenburg, Grant County ESD
He is glad to work with the Special Ed Cohort this year
 - Gordon Munck, Pilot Rock and TSP Representative
School passed a bond
 - Mark Mulvihill – Umatilla/Morrow ESD
They have a Grant Mentor program for all beginning teachers. They are co-hosting the Small Schools Association. The state ESD conference will be hosted by them this year.
 - Eric Volger – Umatilla/Morrow ESD School Improvement
They have been working a lot with EOU to offer courses for all teachers in the district.
 - Nancy Knowles, EOU Professor and OWP
There will be a 2 credit course for teachers at Hermiston. Last year the OWP had a class at Milton Freewater. The OWP Summer Institute will be in Bend, Ontario, and La Grande. There will be a full day conference for students on March 14th.
 - Larry Glaze, La Grande

The bond levy did not pass (lost by only 205 votes), but there was a very positive campaign this time. Received support from City Council, Observer, and there was a very active committee. There has been decision if and when they will try gain. La Grande High School will be hosting the state FFA convention and EOU will be involved. They continue to struggle with enrollment and need to work on marketing their schools.

- Don Ulrey Baker
They have established training for teachers every Wednesday. There will be some restructure of the Baker schools for 2009-2010. They are working with EOU with dual credit.

- Report on program enrollments and student placements –Deb Koopman
 - Deb gave out placement data. Winter term all La Grande CUESTE students went to Baker for their practicum.

- Program updates – Carol Lauritzen, Associate Dean College of Ed
 - CUESTE - TVCC, BMCC, SWOCC, MtHood, and EOU. We need to maintain at least 17 students in each program.

 - Hermiston ESOL program – 30+ teachers completing their practicum and once they complete their PRAXIS they will be certified.

 - Umatilla/Morrow ESD – MS program – 20 teachers have completed the program and we have nine teachers in the new cohort.

 - Credit overlay web page – the web page is up and ready to use

 - MTE Reorganization – Carol presented the new MAT program, which will be presented to TSPC at the May meeting for approval. Start date is schedule for Summer 09'.
 - Change the name to match with other universities
 - Course divisions – block into integrated cores
 - There will be more time spent with secondary and elementary methods
 - Technology set up as a specific course
 - Fundamentals – i.e. confidentiality, ethics, school laws
 - Diversity – more information on teaching in a diverse society
 - Research – change to classroom base action researchComments: Glad to see more credits for methods – Technology with the students are very important – OEA has a course for ethics – Recommendation would be to include: how to work with classroom assistance such as the ELL assistant.

 - Counselor endorsement – Counselors who want to be a teacher we can help them, but if they are a teacher and want to get their counselor endorsement we can not help them. Umatilla/Morrow ESD will work with the schools to see if there is a need.

 - College of Education Searches – Currently we have three positions open: College of Education and College of Business Dean; Pendleton Elementary Position; and the MathEd Position

 - Teach Grant – There is a new federal grant for teachers who will work in a high needs schools for four years. The teacher also must be endorsed in one of the following: Math, Science, Foreign Language, ESOL, READ, or Special Ed.

- Great Discoveries – The first two weeks in August will be in Hermiston. The title of the class will be Health and Science with Literacy. The teacher will receive a kit and their will be graduate credits available.
- Consortium Recommendations:
 - Master of Science (MS) Admission Requirement
 - Professor Allen Evans made the recommendation that we do not require the GRE to be admitted to the MS program. Based on his research other states and neighboring schools do not require the GRE. The representatives made the recommendation not to require the GRE. However they did recommend that we should require a 3.0 GPA.
 - Transitional License Program – The College of Education will not have the 1.0 FTE position for the 2009-2010. We will continue to provide the serve but students will be required to follow a special two year plan. There was some discussion about the teacher Union. The schools need to check with their HR department.
 - Revised Work Sample Scoring Guide – There will be some changes with the Work Sample Scoring Guide. i.e. Met/Not Met.
 - Participation in Chalkboard website of work samples - The representatives recommend that we do not participate with this program. Some concerns: confidentiality, who will check the standards, office staff support, not very many teachers will participate, and they have tried this in the past and it did not work.
- Eastern Oregon Job Fair
 - Schools had some concern about having an actual job fair as they do not know what jobs will be available. The representatives recommend continuing the Career Day only.
- Important Dates:
 - State ESD meeting scheduled at Umatilla/Morrow ESD – May 15th & 16th
- Meeting Adjourn
- Lunch was provided at Residence Food Dining - Hoke