



Consortium 4-10-2009
Minutes

Attendees: Dale Freeman, Teacher; Gary Humphries, TSPC Commissioner & Teacher; Deb Koopman, EOU Staff; Kristin Johnson, EOU Staff; Tawnya Lubbes, EOU Faculty member; Alyse Fischer, EOU Grad Assistant; Chris Panike, La Grande SD Business Office; Heather Stanhope, EOU Staff; Gordon Munck, Pilot Rock Superintendent & TSPC Commissioner; Carol Lauritzen, Dean College of Education; Lisa Schiedler, CUESTE Student; Samantha Carlon, CUESTE Student; Susan White, Teacher; Josh Geiger, MTE Student; Ray Brown, EOU Faculty member; Eric Volger, School Improvement UMESD; Jillian Chandler, MTE student; Nancy Knowles, OWP; Sharon Porter, EOU Faculty member; Jim Keene, Pendleton Superintendent; Pat DesJardin, Teacher, & Beth Upshaw, EOU Staff

- Welcome
 - Samantha Carlon was nominated and voted to represent as the chair for the 2009-2010 academic year.
 - Introductions were made
 - Minutes approved with a few spelling corrections

- Program update – Carol Lauritzen, Associate Dean, College of Education
 - Announcements
 1. President Bob Davies stopped by and introduced himself and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He will officially start as the new EOU President on July 1. He will be making several campus visits between now and July.
 2. New Faculty Members – Scott Smith, Instructor at the Pendleton CUESTE site. He will start September 16th. John Knudson-Martin, Assistant Professor of MathEd on campus. He will replace Jim Tooke and will start September 16th.
 3. Deb Koopman will be leaving the end of April. Advertisement for this position is out and we hope to fill the position by May 1st.
 4. We now have State Lottery funding for a part time Graduate Assistant. We hired Alyse Fischer for this academic year and will reopen the position for 2009-2010 academic year.

- Budget Information

Administration has been working on budget reduction and will present their recommendations in May. There will be some delay for the final reduction as administration waits to hear from OUS the actual percentage cut.
- MAT New Structure

Carol presented the new MAT structure to TSPC and Higher Education and received approval from both. See the attached document which was presented to the Consortium.
- Certificate in Education & an AA in Education

The College of Education presented to EPCC an Education certificate and AA degree and received approval. The goal is to provide programs for displaced workers who can benefit from the retraining program funds. These programs will not be a licensing program. The local Community Colleges support this service to the local residence. Currently Union County has a 15% unemployment rate.
- MS Program

The online program has been growing. We are in the process of finishing up the 2nd Umatilla/Morrow ESD cohort and we will not be offering the face to face program next year.
- ESOL Program – Tawnya Lubbes

Tawnya presented some handout material about the UG and Graduate ESOL program. The Graduate program is all online and requires 15 credit hours. We have partnership with Hermiston and Milton Freewater to provide cohort face to face instruction. Tawnya also announced we were recognized by a publisher to be 1 of the 12 institutions who service ESOL endorsements.
- READING cohort

Graduate Reading endorsement is available online. We have partnership with Hermiston to provide a face to face instruction for their teachers.
- Library Media

We went ahead and created the program as an online instruction. There are four colleges who offer this endorsement in Oregon. Carol introduced Sharon Porter as one of the teaching faculty for this program.

- ECED

This is not a licensure program, but works well for Headstart and preschool employees. When we started this program we had approx. five students, but now we have over 36 students. This program is all offered online and Ruth Davenport is the coordinator of this program.
- Collaboration

We are always willing to work with any schools. Nancy Knowles, OWP had worked with Milton Freewater and Hermiston. She has also worked with the LaGrande School District with the six plus one program.
- Summer Opportunities

Oregon Small School Association – June Jam; Eastern Oregon Spelling Contest at the same time as OSSA; Great Discoveries; Science Empowerment; Med Quest; Oregon Writing Project; Summer Ag Institute; PrISM, Preparation of Instruction of Science and Math; and ODE Math Workshop.
- Rural Opportunity Teaching Scholarship

The funding from this scholarship is from the OTRM recipients who are paying back their loan. If these students did not get a job in the high needs schools they are required to pay back their grant interest free. The scholarships will be used for MAT and CUESTE students who will be placed in a rural school 3A or lower. Currently we are offering six \$3000 scholarships to the 2009-2010 MAT students and (number of scholarships will depend the funds) \$750 to the CUESTE students.
- Teach Grant

This is a federal program with some restrictions. The recipient will be required to teach for five years at a high needs school with specific endorsement requirements.
- Report on program enrollments and student placements – Deb Koopman
 - There was discussion about Special Ed and the need for teachers to be certified in this field. Carol understood the consortiums concern but we currently only have one faculty member for this program.
 - There is a new process for Transitional License students. They will be required to follow the MAT course work over a two year period.
- Updates from Consortium members
 - Nancy Knowles, OWP
 - There are still a few openings for this summer.
 - The location for these workshops will be in La Grande, Ontario, and Bend.

- Letter from the Governor about the state budget
 - See attached document
- La Grande School District – Chris Panike, La Grande SD Business Office
 - Presented to the school board a 5% - 10% - 15% reductions in the budget. \$1m, \$2m, and 2.9m
 - Larry Glaze was not able to attend as he had a site visit with a candidate for the High School principle position.
 - The elementary enrollment is growing this year.
 - Discussion of cuts:
 - Athletic Programs
 - 2 FTE (Curriculum Director & eminence Director
 - ½ FTE – AD
 - 3 classified
 - Reduction is S & S
 - Stage 2: Cut 12 FTE teacher positions – 5 high, 4, middle, & 3 elementary. No cuts to days. No paid coaches' position.
 - Stage 3: 15% - 4 day week. This will reduce classified by 25%. Teachers will be the same.
- Jim Keene, Pendleton Superintendent
 - Jim attended the superintendent meeting in Salem. There was discussion of 5.4B cut for K-12 funding for all of Oregon schools. They think it is going to take Oregon longer to recover than other states. Next revenue forecast will be in May.
 - If the state forecast happens this will be deeper than what they thought. He also wanted to give credit to the employee groups (Classified and Faculty) as they have been working very hard.
 - There has been discussion of reducing the OSAA contests. They completed an analysis if they cut sports programs and the students would leave to attend a school that has the sport they want to play. The community support is very important to the success of the sports programs.
 - K-12 is taking the largest cut than other departments but they are working closely with legislature. There will be a limited market for teachers but he feels this is a short term.
 - Jim will be retiring after 38 years of services to education system. His replacement is John Peterson who was a principal at an elementary and middle school.
- Dale Freeman, Pendleton Teacher
 - He really encouraged our student consortium representatives to continue their career as teachers. He feels this will be a short term and is concerned about the morale of current and future teachers.
- Eric Volger – Umatilla/Morrow ESD
 - 3.5 positions have been cut and there have been adjustments to some of the contracts.
 - The ESD will continue to collaborate with EOU on programs.

- Susan White - Milton Freewater Teacher
 - 40 to 50 probation teachers have received letters that their position may be cut. The morale is low.
- Pat DesJardin – La Grande Teacher
 - Teachers agreed to a salary freeze.
 - He is working with ODE Math – OSTM. There will be some changes in the state test.
- Gordon Munck, TSPC Rep and Superintendent
 - Discussion to buy teachers out to retire. Small districts get hurt the most as they will lose programs. He attended a conference about combining the ESD's – Union & Baker with Umatilla & Morrow.
- Gary, Humphries, TSPC Commissioner & Teacher
 - School Social Workers do not have to be licensed. There is a bill out there that will require them to be licensed and TSPC is waiting for the outcome.
 - They are reviewing the ESL Endorsement
 - He announced EOU changed their MTE program to MAT. TSPC approved.
 - Discipline cases have increased and are at all levels.

Meeting adjourn

Lunch was provided at Residence Food Dining - Hoke