

# 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, Al Edwards, Brenda Flanigan, Traci Knight, Allan Meck, Diana Munza, Laura Pyzdrowski, Lalah Larew, Joe Riesen, Sue Steinbeck

1. Welcome Trace Knight our new representative from Randolph County!
2. The Blue Ribbon committee submitted a proposal for an Improving Teacher Quality Grant. Based on previous discussions, the group submitted 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 were difficult to find and as a result a collaborative consulting team was not obtained. Instead, Amy Rice, our Blue Ribbon Algebra Consultant, has agreed to return for one day and Dr. Anne Richards has agreed to consult for one day. In addition, a Key Curriculum Press Consultant will come for 4 days to work on Discovering Geometry topics. If a second call for grants is issued, a repeat of the Blue Ribbon Applied Algebra Project will be proposed through Fairmont State College.
3. NASA Mini Grant - The group will seek funds to have a GPS and TI Interactive workshops. Sam and Jill Gough have been recommended for the TI Interactive Workshop and Joe Riesen is checking into the details for the GPS workshop.
4. Standards Based Workshop for high school faculty and administrators was discussed. After a long discussion, the outline for the session was planned as follows: A) Discuss the intended Content Standards and Objectives for a lesson B) Demonstrate a Standards Based Lesson C) Have discussion/activities on Assessment and Rubrics related to the lesson D) Discuss and Develop appropriate Performance Descriptors for student work associated with the lesson and E) Discuss how this all ties to the Westest. It would be important to have presenters who have experience using the materials in the field who could answer questions about how things work with different student populations. West Virginia teachers would be great to have as presenters. The lessons used should be something that teachers can use immediately. It would be important to have the Workshop center around Standards Based since having the workshop be centered about an Integrated Curriculum might not draw the target audience.
5. Next meetings: March 10 and April 28. Thanks to Brenda Flanigan for hosting the meeting and we welcome her to our group. We can continue to meet at Bridgeport High School.

At 5:00: Allan Meck presented his project: Conceptual Mathematics

Next meeting to be held at 4:00, March 10 at Bridgeport High School. The GPS presentation will be postponed until April, 28.