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Joliet Professional Development School Partnership

Joliet Public Schools District 86 & University of St. Francis

Leadership Team Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2006 @ 1:00 pm
USF – Moes Room

In Attendance:

Lacy Althoff, Amy Benish, Lindsay Dykstra, John Gambro, Stacy Hogan, Barb Ingold, MeShelda Jackson, Myrna McCarthy, Donna Metlicka, Cathy Nelson, Cheri Packard, Laura Pritz, Wesley Russell, Linda Scott, Edmee Sienkowski, Carol Sossong, Tracy Spesia, and Jane Udovich

Absent: Karen Ball, Bill Bromer, Sally Kowalski, Sue Krause, Virginia Matthews, Sue Swarthout, Lisa White-McNulty, Doreen Vieitez

Review of Minutes:

- February meeting minutes were reviewed; the minutes were approved as written.

Subcommittee Meetings:

- The Leadership team broke out into subcommittee meetings for 20 minutes and then reconvened.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Public Relations (Barb Ingold):

- Year-End Celebration:
 - Close to 100 individuals will be attending from all partners
 - Speakers include: Dr. Vinciguerra, Dr. Wilson, District 86 BOE President, and our very own Lindsay & Stacy
 - Need two teacher speakers, Wes and Jane to solicit volunteers and send names to Cheri Packard
- Work continues on developing a promotional video, hope to have completed before Summer break.
- Fall Open Houses:
 - Principals to establish date and assume ownership of the program. PEC will continue to support setup and food.
 - September 15th targeted by Wes and Scotty, details to follow from them.
- JPDSP Spotlight:
 - David Shega
 - Tracy Spesia
- PEC Piece in *Joliet Herald News* regarding participants at National PDS Conference ... courtesy of efforts by Cheri Packard (thank you Cheri).

Professional Development (John Gambro):

- **Special Education in District 86:**
 - In-house workshop on April 11, 4:00 – 5:00 pm, at Farragut Elementary
 - Sandra Thomas, presenter

- The PDS visit to Aurora has been cancelled. Instead, ISU's PDS has been recommended as being a site to visit as it more closely resembles the JPDS. A visit will be scheduled for next fall.

Teacher Candidate (Myrna McCarthy):

- Daybreak Shelter: The tour was well received and heightened the consciousness of all who attended of what a child in that circumstance goes through on a daily basis.
- LT Teacher Candidate Representative: committee recommends that an AFE should be the representative on the LT, changing each semester. An AFE is able to give the LT a better insight and it will be easier to identify a teacher candidate that best meets the team needs.
- The idea of conducting methods courses on LEA campuses was further discussed.
- Step-up Day: May 4th, 2:00 – 3:00 pm. AFE's pairings with IFE's will be announced at this time.

Technology Subcommittee (Amy Benish): This committee has been dissolved as there is significant overlap with the Professional Development committee, and most of the other work is covered in the other committees.

Student Achievement (Donna Metlicka):

- PDS Impact: This committee is investigating how to quantify the positive impact of the PDS on student achievement. Action-Research is being considered to accomplish this.

Action Research (Cathy Nelson):

- Reminder about the Action Research Poster sessions prior to the year end dinner on 4/25/06, starting at 4:00 pm.
- Lisa/Cathy are conducting surveys of the Action Research teams; efforts will be made to incorporate suggestions into the process for next year.
- Lisa/Cathy are in the process of further research on Action Research.
- Lisa/Cathy will be attend
 - AOM's School Improvement Day on 5/12 in the afternoon
 - Farragut on 5/17

Arts & Sciences:

- .Jean Yates class is doing experiments and vice versa with Bill Bromer's Science for Educator's class.
- AOM 4th/5th grade students will be participating in Cathy's Science Methods class on April 19th at 9:30am. (aka – Science Boxes)

Future Meeting Dates:

- July 19th – Strategic Planning Retreat – time to be announced.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.