Meeting Minutes

Present:  Winthrop University- Jennie Rakestraw, Mark Mitchell, Shirley Martin, Jennifer Etheridge, Mary Chandler, Sharon Buddin, Catherine Hammond, Kathi Gibson, Tara Comer, Barbara Mallory  The Evaluation Group- Felix Blumhardt  Research Associates- Anne Black  Cherokee- Page McCraw  Chester- Tammy Snipes  Fairfield- Andrea Hicks  Marion 1- Cheryl Warren  Marion 2- Gail Fowler  Marion 7- Deborah Barnhill  Marlboro- Dannie Blair  Dillon 3- Martha Heyward  Union- Kristi Woodall  Department of Educ.- Beth Mackinem, Mike Pageant  SCASA- not present  CERRA- not present  Dillon 1 and 2- not present

I. Welcome by Dean Rakestraw
   ◆ Funding Issues with Education Federal Grants
   ◆ Encourage to contact legislators to protect funding
   ◆ NetLEAD is heading in the right direction
      ● Awareness that we need the “right” people in the leadership roles in our schools.
      ● Professional Development is key factor in helping leaders to succeed.

II. Approval of the minutes of the February 22, 2011 meeting
   ◆ MOTION made by Tammy Snipes: The Grant Management Team approves the minutes of the February 22, 2011 meeting.

III. Amendment and approval of the agenda
   ◆ MOTION made by Page McCraw: The Grant Management Team approves the agenda for the March 22, 2011 meeting.

IV. Old Business
   a. Establishing a date for the “Elluminate Practice”
      ◆ The practice session will be held for approximately 15 to 20 minutes. We will be sending an email with a link to access Elluminate for the first time.
      ◆ MOTION made by Barbara Mallory: GMT establishes the trial run for Elluminate on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at 9:30 AM.
      ◆ The next Grant Management Team meeting on Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at 9:30 AM will be held via Elluminate.
b. NetLEAD Professional Development Series One
   
i. Graduate Credit
   - Recertification points will be offered for completion of the Professional Development Series. A certificate of completion will be given to submit to the school district for recertification points.
   - 3 in-services will be held for 10 hours each for a total of 30 hours.
   - TABLED ITEM: Revisit the possibility for graduate credit.

   ii. Dates
   MOTION made by Page McCraw that the schedule for the NetLEAD Professional Development Series One will be as follows:

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   All in-services will be held 12:00PM-5:00PM.

   iii. Participants
   - Participant information for the NetLEAD Professional Development Series One is due by **May 1, 2011**.

c. Master Calendar for NetLEAD Activities
   - The master calendar has important dates for the NetLEAD Grant.

d. WPDC Course “Using Technology to Develop School Based Communities; The Good, The Bad and the Free”
   
i. Names of Participants
   - The deadline for the names of the participants for WPDC course is **April 15, 2011**.

   ii. Recertification Credit
   - 60 hours of recertification credit and 3 hours of graduate credit will be offered.
   - Each school district can nominate 2 participants. The grant will pay the fee for the course for these participants.
e. Follow up on Mini Grant Applications
   - The NetLEAD grant has $6000 for mini grants. The awarded grant amount will be $500-$2000.
   - The grant proposals will be a cooperative effort of a school leader and teacher to improve teacher leadership and student learning.
   - Decisions regarding the rewards will be made at the May 2011 Grant Management Team meeting.
   - Applications for the mini grants are due by May 1, 2011.

V. New Business
NetLEAD and Safe and Supportive Schools Grant - Beth Mackinem and Bob Stevens – PBIS
- The Safe and Supportive Schools Grant addresses student school climate, school safety, dropout rates, and discipline on the high school level.
- The grant will use the PBIS model to improve school climate.
  - Goal is to reduce referrals and suspensions and expulsions and improve school climate.
- The grant is to work with low performing high schools that have a graduation rate of 70% or less.
- Trainers will come to the school to administer a 3 day training program for a School Leadership Team (comprised of an administrator, general education teacher, special education teacher, guidance counselor, and a parent).
  - The School Leadership team will look at school character traits and teach simple behavior tasks to improve the school climate.
  - The School Leadership team will then train all staff members of the school.

VI. 2011 M.ED Programs – Tuition and Grant Funding
- Funding cuts are being considered by the House and Senate.
- The NetLEAD Grant is definitely fully funded until September 30, 2011.
- If funding to the NetLEAD Grant was lost, the cost of the M Ed program would increase. The courses would then be offered at the reduced tuition rate of $795.00 per course.

VII. Other
   a. Topics for next GMT meeting
      - Discussion of PBIS and the Safe Supportive Schools Grant Program
      - Revisit mini grants
      - Possibility of graduate credit for the NetLEAD Professional Development Series One.
   b. The next GMT Meeting is scheduled on April 26, 2011. (Elluminate)

VIII. Placement of NetLEAD Mentors and Discussion with District Liaisons- Dr. Shirley Martin
- Review of mentor request information and mentor assignments.
• The principal mentors will be making their first visit very soon. The first visit will be approximately 3 hours and the mentor and mentee will be getting to know each other.
• Principal mentors and school district liaisons met to discuss the mentees and school background information.

IX. Adjourn