Meeting Minutes

Present:  Winthrop University- Jennie Rakestraw, Barbara Mallory, Mark Mitchell, Mary Chandler, Kathi Gibson, Sharon Buddin, Catherine Hammond, Tara Comer The Evaluation Group- Felix Blumhardt Research Associates- Michelle Troyer Fairfield- Andrea Hicks Marlboro- Dannie Blair Dillon 3-Martha Heyward Marion 1, 2, and 7- Cheryl Warren Cherokee- Joe Walker PBIS- Kathy Lewis and Bob Stevens CERRA, Dillon 4, Union, Chester, SCASA - not present

I. Welcome by Mark Mitchell
   a. SCASA Membership
      • Sandy from SCASA has offered a special half price membership to new SCASA members. The membership is good from now until June 30, 2012. This a special rate of $87.50.

II. Approval of the minutes of the November 29, 2011 meeting
   MOTION made by Gayle Sawyer to approve minutes from November 29, 2011 meeting.

III. Amendment and approval of the agenda
    MOTION made by Dannie Blair to approve the minutes for the January 31, 2012 meeting.

IV. Old Business
    a. SREB Training – Tara
       • Please encourage your administrators to participate in the upcoming SREB training in February and March 2012. Eight districts have expressed interest in using $1500 in funds for SREB training.
       • Information on SREB training can be found at http://www.sreb.org/page/1570/online_school_leadership_training.html.
       • Reservations can be made directly with SREB or by contacting Tara Comer.
       • If your district is not planning on using these funds, please let Tara Comer know as soon as possible so these funds can be redistributed.
b. Mini-grant reimbursements due April 30, 2012 – Tara
   - Mini-Grant Reimbursement forms for awarded mini-grant funds in 2011-2012 are due on April 30, 2012.
   - Reminders will be sent to mini-grant award winners and district liaisons in March and April.
   - Please make sure that those that were awarded funds in your district submit for reimbursement by the deadline.

c. NetLEAD Professional Development Series 2 -Mary
   i. Topics that GMT would like for NetLEAD to address
      1. Summary of activities completed to date
         - NetLEAD would like to offer professional development to your district that meet the specific needs of each district.
         - PLCs, assessments, 90-90-90 Schools, Common Core State Standards, Children of Poverty, Differentiation, and School leadership are some ideas of topics that may be important to explore your district.
         - So far, the Corps of Mentors have offered poverty workshops to Marlboro Co. School district which have been very successful and are meeting monthly with Marion School districts.
         - NetSCOPE Grant has addressed common core standards as a professional development priority. The NetSCOPE GMT brought in teams to help plan how to do the training. NetSCOPE will keep in touch with NetLEAD on their initiatives on the Common Core Training.
      2. PD Survey
         - Please complete and submit survey to let Mary Chandler to let us know what is important to your district.
         - Once complete, Mary will contact you to set up professional development that meets your district’s needs.

V. New Business
   a. E-Mentor Program – Mark
      - The E-Mentor Program allows your district administrators to have an online resource to assist them.
      - On the NetLEAD website, http://faculty.winthrop.edu/edleadership/NetLEAD/E-Mentors.html, the administrator can find a list of Winthrop University faculty members that can offer assistance in a variety of areas.
      - Questions can be submitted from the administrator on a topic by email to the e-mentor.
      - Please encourage all administrators in your district to use this resource.
b. School Administrator Mentors – Mark
   i. Identification & Training
      - Please help in identifying current school administrators that would be
goood mentors after the NetLEAD grant is complete. The Corps of
Mentors will choose from those that they have mentored to become
mentors in the future.
      - These administrators will be offered the opportunity to train to be
mentors in areas such as: 90-90-90, Eric Jensen, Implementation of the
Common Core Standards, Cognitive Coaching, and NAESP mentor
training.
      - Please let Mary Chandler know of those administrators that your district
would like to see as mentors.
      - It is so important to change the perception of mentoring. Mentoring
should not be looked at as a negative. Need the correct approach.

c. Curriculum Design Planning Retreat – April 25th – 26th
   i. Location and Topics
      - The dates of the Transformational Educational Leadership Retreat
should be changed from April 25-26, 2012. This date has tentatively
been changed to June 6-7, 2012 at the Richardson Ballroom at the
DiGiorgio Center at Winthrop University.
      - This retreat is open to principals/assistant principals/GMT
members/district office leadership employees. NetLEAD and NetSCOPE
student can also participate.
      - Recertification Hours will be given. 1 contact hour= 1 recertification
hour.
      - We need to decide on the workshop’s focus and what we want those
who attend to get out of the retreat.
      - Should give an opportunity for dialogue for mentees/mentors.
      - Ideas: Common Core Implementation or special speaker that will draw
in participants.

d. PBIS – Robert Stevens
   i. Background Information- Bob Stevens
      - Feb. 9-10- SCAPR will have 2 days of training in Columbia
      - In March 2012, the International PBIS Conference will take place for 3
days in Atlanta. Information about this event can be found at
www.PBIS.org.
• School Climate Grant-ongoing. It has the 2 big pieces of Olweus and PBIS. Things addressed include: SC index, SC survey, data out of Power School and Incident Manager.

• Conference of School Transformation- held by State Department of Education on the week of July 23, 2012 in Charleston, SC. Will have a PBIS speaker there.

• Bob and Kathy will be following up with schools that went to the year one training through NetLEAD. Will look at data to inform the direction they should go. Will use coaching model and help with practices of PBIS.

ii. Transformation- Kathy Lewis

• Redefining Good. What is good?
• Need a paradigm shift.
• Good should be defined as cognitive engagement which includes: investment in learning, preference for challenge, etc. Most see behavioral engagement as being “good.” This is the minimal standard of compliance.
• Typical growth is not acceptable.

e. Olweus Bullying Prevention Training – Mark

i. Schedule for Training and Scope and Sequence

• Mark Mitchell is currently working with 2 schools in Union County School district on Olweus Bullying Prevention Training.
• Scope and Sequence of Olweus is included with agenda items.
• Mark can take on new school for training in fall 2012. Usually takes a semester to prepare, and the kick off date is the following semester (begin training in fall 2012 for a kick off date in spring 2013).
• Olweus is data driven. Reduces discipline referrals which allows the administrator to spend time as an instructional leader.

VI. NetLEAD Corps of Mentors Report

a. Report from Shirley Martin and Mary Chandler, Director Corps of Mentors

i. Mentor Activities

• Sharon Buddin- working with high schools. Is working with innovative leaders and working with Marion in the monthly meetings. Mentors have made positive steps.

• Kathi Gibson- working mainly with middle schools. The mentors have been integrating their talents and sharing individual expertise in order to provide the best mentoring to administrators.
- Cathy Hammond- Poverty workshops in Marlboro went great, very receptive. Was able to address climate issues in the schools mentored.

ii. District Involvement Updates
- Shirley and Mary met with the superintendents in Dillon 4 and Chester and are very excited to work closely with these districts.

VII. Other
a. Funding- Jennie Rakestraw
- Funding for federal education grants is becoming more and more difficult.
- At critical times, we may ask and encourage you to contact your representatives.
- The AACTE website makes this very easy to do.
- Every year funding for this grant and as well as others such as NetSCOPE comes up. We would like for you and the participants of the grant to help us with making sure that funding continues.
- These contacts really matter. If there are 10 or more contacts, the representative is notified, if there are more than 20 contacts, the representative will take note, and more than 30 contacts the representative really considers.
- Thank you for helping with this during critical times.

b. The next GMT Meeting is scheduled on February 28th - Face-to-face in Columbia, SC

VIII. Adjourn