Meeting Minutes


I. Welcome by Mark Mitchell
Thanks to all attending.

II. Approval of the minutes of the March 26, 2013 meeting
MOTION made by Joe Walker and Theodore Jackson to approve minutes from March 26, 2013 Meeting via zoom.us.

III. Amendment and approval of the agenda
MOTION made by Joe Walker and Theodore Jackson to approve the agenda for April 30, 2013.

IV. Old Business
a. Data Collection and APR Update- Felix Blumhardt
   - A follow-up email was sent out yesterday from Felix for the PIMRS Posttest and the mentee survey.
   - A total of 5 contacts will be made regarding the survey and posttest. Felix will be making phone calls on Friday and Monday to those that have not responded. This will be the third contact.
   - PIMRS Posttest--So far, 11 out of the 27 have responded. In the email from Felix, the principals are asked to complete the posttest and send the links to their teachers and supervisor to complete. For the data we obtained in the fall to be useful, it is essential that the principal, the supervisor, and the teachers complete the posttest.
   - Mentees Survey—So far, 15 out of 44 mentees have responded. Mentors, please encourage your mentees to complete the survey.
   - District liaisons—please encourage the principals in your district to complete the PIMRS posttest and/or the mentee survey. This is vital to our funding for next year.
   - NetLEAD Year 3 Data Collection Spreadsheet—District liaisons should have received an email requesting that the data on the spreadsheet be completed by
May 3rd. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Felix at felix@evaluationgroup.com.

- The Year 3 NetLEAD Grant APR is due May 31, 2013.

b. **Budget Update- Mark Mitchell**
   - Please help with completing the data for the APR this year. The mid-year APR helps determine the funding for next year.
   - As previously discussed, there is a high likelihood of budget reductions for year 4.
   - We need this data to make a compelling case for continued funding.

c. **School District Mentor Program Update- Mark Mitchell**
   - In April, the administrator mentors had the opportunity to attend the Leadership Center’s Decision Making for Results and Data Teams Seminar in Charlotte, NC. The following administrator mentors attended the 2 day training:

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- **Upcoming Training for Administrator Mentors:** *Eric Jensen’s “Teaching with Poverty in Mind” on July 8-11, 2013 in Charlotte, North Carolina.* Soon Tara will send out information to district liaisons on this training (those districts that did not send someone last year).

d. **PBIS Update- Bob Stevens**
   - On May 22nd, Marion school district will finalize plans to use PBIS district wide.
   - PBIS trainings will be held on July 15-17 at the Marion School District Office.
     - Year 1 Training on July 15-16
     - Advanced PBIS training on July 17
   - Bob and Kathy have also been working in Chester County with Chester Park Schools and Great Falls Middle High and in Fairfield County with Fairfield Central.
   - There will be a training session held in Chester with Chester Park this summer. The dates are yet to be determined. The mentors and Gayle Sawyer would like to be notified of the date that is determined.
   - The State Department has PBIS summer training planned the week of July 8th. The focus will be research to practice. The state department is expanding its work with PBIS and RTI initiatives.
   - Recently, there has been some interest in the use of RTI and PBIS together. This is referred to as MTSS- Multi-Tier Systems Support.

e. **Olweus Update- Mark Mitchell**
   - 5 schools in Marlboro County have been trained this year.
   - 2 schools in Marlboro County are to be trained in Olweus Bullying Prevention Program next year.
   - 2 Union schools began the program last year.
   - Mark Mitchell will be meeting with the Cherokee Superintendent about the possibility of implementing Olweus in Cherokee next year.

V. **NetLEAD Corps of Mentors Report**
a. Updates from the Corps of Mentors - Mary Chandler

1. Professional Development
   - The mentors are in the process of planning professional development for districts who have asked for specific in-service, either during the summer, or in August as part of the district’s allotted days for professional development.
   - Because it takes time to plan, if your district is interested in the mentors providing professional development during this time, please let us know.

   - Currently we are scheduled for the following:
     - **July 15-16**, NetLEAD mentors will attend Year 1 PBIS training and on **July 17** they will attend Year 2 of PBIS training for specified schools in Marion County.
     - **August 6-7**, NetLEAD mentors will present 2 half day sessions to all assistant principals in Union County on What It Takes to Become an Instructional Leader.
     - **August 15** NetLEAD mentors will present three different sessions to principals and school faculty in Marlboro County: Using Data, Common Assessments and Teaching Children of Poverty

2. Meeting with Superintendents
   - At this point 5 of our 7 superintendents have been contacted to determine a direction for next year – Union, Cherokee, Fairfield, Chester and Marion.
   - Discussion has centered around the growth of our mentored principals and a focus for next year on Common Core.
   - We will continue to meet in a PLC format every other month in some districts and every month in others.

3. Focus for Next Year
   
   Our goal for next year is to focus on **Instructional Rounds**.

   - As principals begin to implement common core state standards and instruction begins to change, principals will need to know what to look for in classrooms and how to improve the teaching and learning.

   - Embedded in our discussions will be the 5 Dimensions of Teaching and Learning: Purpose, Student Engagement, Curriculum and Pedagogy, Assessment for Student Learning, and Classroom Environment and Culture – as presented by the Center for Educational Leadership or more specifically Dr. Stephen Fink.

   - The shift to Common Core will require strong leadership and watching closely what is happening in classrooms. Principals
will benefit from discussion about what common core
teaching looks like and how they can move their teachers to
new levels of teaching.

b. Mentor Reports-Corps of Mentors

Dale Goff
- Two mentors had the opportunity to take part in the Smarter Balanced Pilot for ELA 4th grade.
- After having seen the assessment, mentors are better equipped to help principals and teachers understand the huge changes that will need to occur with instructional strategies and content.
- On May 29th, a pilot test will be available on-line and will remain there all summer for principals or teachers to access.

Kathi Gibson
- Is seeing the impact that the professional development on vocabulary has had in the schools.
- Is supporting mentees to finish this academic year strong.

Theodore Jackson
- A technology showcase of 45 minute sessions was held at one of our partner schools; the sessions included Edmodo, smart math, etc.

Assistant Principal Proposal to Marion and Dillon 4 Districts
- The proposal is to create a crew of highly qualified assistant principals.
  - Through self-development, monthly meetings, and mentorship, the goal is to have a group of assistant principals that are prepared to become principals that are skilled instructional leaders.
- 8 Sessions are planned for September through April. Topics include: PLCs, data, common core state standards, human relations, conflict resolution, school safety, school budgets, and others. Activities that are planned include evaluation of a staff member, shadowing of principal outside of district, interview of district office personnel, as well as several others.

Sharon Buddin
- Sharon and Cathy Hammond have been working with their schools in Chester on interventions in the master schedule.
- Another focus for Sharon’s schools has been on taking ownership of the common core state standards.

VI. Other

a. Topics for next GMT meeting
   - Corps of Mentors Updates
   - PBIS Updates

b. The next GMT Meeting is scheduled on May 28, 2013 via zoom.us

VII. Adjourn