Meeting Minutes

Present: Cherokee- Joe Walker  Dillon 4- Jayne Lee  Marlboro- Dannie Blair  Fairfield- Andrea Hicks  Marion- Cheryl Warren  Marlboro- Dannie Blair  Winthrop University- Jennie Rakestraw, Mark Mitchell, Mary Chandler, Kathi Gibson, Catherine Hammond, Sharon Buddin, Theodore Jackson, Tara Comer, Gayle Sawyer  Union, Chester, Dillon 3, CERRA, SCASA, Evaluation Group, and Research Associates - not present

I. Welcome by Mark Mitchell
   ● Introduction of Theodore Jackson, a new member of the Corps of Mentors.

II. Approval of the minutes of the August 28, 2012 meeting
MOTION made by Joe Walker to approve minutes from the August 28, 2012 meeting.

III. Amendment and approval of the agenda
MOTION made by Joe Walker to approve the agenda.

IV. Old Business
   a. Background Budget Information
      o In Year 3’s original budget, only 3 principal mentors are funded. Due to the cost of two NetLEAD cohorts in progress, the funds went to that line item.
      o In Year 2, only 4 of the principal mentors were funded. We were able to take care of the extra mentor expense with carryover funds from Year 1.
      o The Year 3 budget is much tighter than Year 1 and Year 2.
   b. School District Mentor Program- Mark Mitchell
      1. Details
         Trainings for the Administrator Mentors may be held at Winthrop University. The Corps of Mentors will possibly train the administrator mentors on some of the topics and others the administrator mentors will be sent to the training.
2. **Nominations** (list of nominees presented)

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3. **TABLED** until November 2012 meeting (after final Year 3 budget is complete).

c. **Professional Development Series 2- Mary Chandler**

1. **Update on PLCs with Principals**
   - The Corps of Mentors has been busy conducting monthly PLC meetings in 4 districts. Seven sessions are scheduled to be conducted. Most of the districts are on the third or fourth session. The Corps of Mentors are available to support this effort.
   - These sessions are going well and creating meaningful discussions.

2. **Professional Development on Common Core**
   - The mentors are providing 5 full day sessions for Dillon 4 on the various aspects of CCSS in ELA and Math. Have already conducted 2 of the session.
   - The next session is scheduled for February 2013.

3. **Participation in Evaluation**
   For all NetLEAD projects, participation in the evaluation is mandatory.

d. **NetLEAD 2 Cohort Updates- Dale Ritchie**
   - Pre-admission screenings will be held on November 5, 2012 at the Marion School District Office. We would like for anyone who is available to sit in on the presentations or interviews to assist with the screening process.
• 15 students will be admitted to the program for Spring 2013 term.
• Classes begin January 8, 2013.

e. PBIS Updates - Bob Stevens

1. Team Implementation Checklist (TIC)
   ▪ Review of TIC handout from Great Falls Middle/High School.

2. Update of NetLEAD PBIS Activities
   ▪ Haut Gap Middle School visit took place on October 23, 2012. This was a visit to a school that has been successful in implementing PBIS.
   ▪ There have also been 2 online trainings held recently. One on the TIC and the other was a follow up training from this summer.
   ▪ In addition, Marlboro County hosted a workshop on the School-Wide Information System (SWIS).

3. Upcoming Events
   ▪ A PBIS external evaluator training from the State Department will be held in Columbia, SC on November 14, 2012. Please let Bob Stevens or Tara Comer know if you are interested in attending.

V. New Business


1. Dates
   ▪ We would like to hold the CDR on June 10, 2013 at Winthrop University in conjunction with the NetSCOPE Conference on June 11, 2013.

2. Topics
   ▪ Common Core Implementation
     ▪ Suggestions of Speaker or Experts?
       ○ A presenter/consultant from Smarter Balance (smarterbalance.org)
       ○ Presenters from NC or another state further along in the process.
       ○ Focus on the nuts and bolts and practical application of the common core.
     ▪ Who to invite?
       ○ School District Implementation Teams
       ○ School district would pay for the expenses of those that are not administrators.

3. TABLED until November 2012 meeting. Please think of ideas that would make this work.
b. **NetLEAD Mini-Grants 2012-2013 - Mary Chandler**
   - In Year 3, $6000 in funds for mini-grants are available for our partner school districts.
   - The deadline for applications is November 15, 2012. Decisions will be made by December 17, 2012.
   - Reimbursement forms will be due by March 1, 2013.

VI. **NetLEAD Corps of Mentors Report**
   a. **Updates from the Corps of Mentors - Mary Chandler**
   b. **Mentor Reports - Corps of Mentors**
      - **Cathy Hammond:** There is a shift in the schools to engaging the data. Connections being made for the PLC meetings.
      - **Dale Goff:** Sharing is taking place from one district to another. Successful test results can be connected to the use of repetition. A teacher from one of the partner districts is 100% successful in science testing. The teacher said that the success seen was due to repeated use of vocabulary (terms were used 6 ways in the classroom).
      - **Kathi Gibson:** Assistant principals in the districts have come to the mentors for mentoring and as a resource.
      - **Theodore Jackson:** Looking at the data to determine the way to teach is very important.
      - **Sharon Buddin:** There has been a lot of growth in the high schools. They are using data and PLCs. Principals are focusing on curriculum to support common core. Change is occurring in the classroom at different levels.
      - **Mary Chandler:** Cherokee principals have been doing a great job on moving the common core.

VII. **Other**
   a. **Principal/Teacher Assessment Guidelines - Molly Spearman**
      - SCASA had group of experts meet to work on this.
      - Wednesday, November 14, 2012, there will be a state board meeting on principal and teacher assessment guidelines.
      - SCASA does not agree with labeling, the 5 tier system, overemphasis on testing, and limited number of school models (26).
      - SCASA believes that student growth and student achievement should be a part of the assessment.
      - Tensions between the state board and state department.
   b. **Topics for next GMT meeting**
      1. School district Mentoring Program
      2. Curriculum Design Retreat
   c. **The next GMT Meeting is scheduled on November 27, 2012, location to be announced**

VIII. **Adjourn**