

IHE/Consortium
December 5, 2008

Welcome : Mark Riding welcomed everyone to the combined meeting of Consortium and IHE meeting.

Mark did the folder browse-by. He also talked about our Utah Food Bank drive. We contributed \$1237 last year. We would like to surpass that amount this year. They really need the help this year.

Heidi Abraham, the Utah CED president announced the Utah CEC conference in March. They would like nominations for outstanding Utah teachers for awards.

Michael Herbert introduced the December Special Educator. This edition is about essential service providers and mental health issues.

7 people are on wimba for this meeting. (see Tom about who).

Bruce Schroeder went through the binder and explained what he had included there.

Dan Morgan presented "Running Start '08" - The purpose of Running Start was to better prepare in a more uniform manner unlicensed special education teachers prior to their first day of teaching. It is also to focus on vital evidenced-based instructional procedures and to set the stage for systematic ongoing support throughout the school year. They focused on what a new teacher needs to know on the first day of school. The teachers seemed to like the process and so did the districts and IHE as well. They are trying to do gather evidence of success from those teachers that were involved. They are still looking at the data and trying to fine-tune the process.

The audience was divided into about 10 groups to facilitate the next part of the meeting. They met for about 50 minutes. Then they reassembled based on a specific topic and met again to discuss questions.

Bruce called the group back to recap and have a quick overview. They are hoping to identify some key issues that need to be addressed. Some of them are: Have a summary of the ideas that were presented. Meet again to discuss the findings. Did it make sense to align this with a consortium meeting. Have a plan in place instead of just the talking stage, like today. Some things need to actually happen now. Need to report of what the successes are and what changes are happening. Need to include more than special educators. Both special and general educators need to work together. We need to think of the big challenges and look forward to collaborating again in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM.