

Consortium Minutes
March 31, 2006

Welcome: Mark Riding welcomed the group to Consortium. He introduced Nan Gray as the new State Director of Special Education. Mark and Ginny Eggen performed a skit on different personality perspectives. Mark then did a folder browse-by.

CSPD Report: Bruce Schroeder discussed the leadership report. There will be a position opening to replace Nan Gray in the near future.

Utah Special Educator: Michael Herbert and Ginny Eggen announced a call for articles for the May issue on “Celebrating What Works.”

CEC Update: Suraj Syal gave an update on the CEC Conference. Out of state volunteers are now open. The Utah CEC reception is on Wednesday, April 5th at the Grand America from 7-9 p.m. Janette Masaka will be honored on Friday, April 6th by the Pioneer division. Local students are having a dinner theatre on Friday evening, April 7th. There are a variety of activities during the week of CEC. Check the web page (www.utahcec.org) for more information.

Presentation Themes: Suraj Syal spoke about “Leveraging Language.” He identified three instructional essentials: Teaching pragmatic language, building academic background knowledge, and practicing academic language.

Jocelyn Taylor presented Oral Language and the Speech Language Pathologist. She gave a detailed description of a Speech Language Pathologist’s responsibilities.

Chris Cunningham introduced math language, the logic behind it, and the fears people have about math. She gave examples of how to distill student fears and misconceptions.

Terria Mortensen discussed English Language Learners, their strengths and weaknesses as they try to understand academic language.

Michael Herbert discussed Language and Specific Learning Disabled students. He talked about the similarities between these students and English Language Learners.

The next consortium will be on May 12th at the Larry Miller Center. The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Those in attendance:

DiAnne Adams
Vicki Ahlstrom
Gail Albrecht
Richard Albrecht
Morgan Anderson

Lisa Arbogast
John Ballard
Julie Buckingham
Tom Burchett
Dawnne Casey

Greg Chappell
Peggy Childs
Kay Clark
Shannon Dulaney
Sally Dyches

Ginny Eggen
Pat Frandsen
Glenna Gallo
Kit Giddings
Lynda Golding
Jane Golightly
Barbara Graves
Deb Griffin
Bruce Guyman
Michael Herbert
Cheryl Hunt
J Lynn Jones
Ted Kelly
Chris Kupfer
Julie Landeen
Lorna Larsen
Susan Loving

Launa Macomber
Marilyn Madsen
Kathryn McCarrie
Ann Miller
Peggy Milligan
Julie Mootz
Dan Morgan
Mike Murray
Tom Nedreberg
Calvin Newbold
Connie Nink
Pam Norton
Linda Otte
Doelene Pitt
Mark Riding
Linda Rutledge
Kathy Santor

Valerie Scherbinske
Bruce Schroeder
Julie Stacey
Ellen Stantus
Suraj Syal
Jocelyn Taylor
Christine Timothy
Vickie Todd
Tanya Toles
Beth Usui
Brenda Van Gorder
Tom Van Gorder
Jan Wimpey
Laraine Whitear
Peggy Wittwer

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