

Consortium Minutes
May 14, 2004

Welcome: Jennie Gibson (Utah Parent Center). She mentioned that this is the 20th anniversary year for the Parent Center. She welcomed everyone.

Jerry Christensen also welcomed the group. He told everyone that there were summary sheets of the trainings for each district that were given out today.

Jerry did the folder browse-by. **Michael Herbert** presented the new issue of the Special Educator. He thanked the UPDC for their effort on the magazine. Five locations were coming in by polycom today. Welcome to them. Jerry asked for feedback from the group on future topics for consortium/special educator. Topic of concern:

- Technology: goalview, e-testing
- Facilitating "friendly" IEP meetings using technology
- Intensive Interventions; Reading and literacy
- Literacy remediation, level grade 6-10 (secondary)
- Behavior-intensive interventions
- Student lead IEP and self-advocacy
- Three tiered model for numeracy
- IEP meeting for non-English speaking parents
- Collaboration between special, general education and agencies
- Moving away from estimator disk; alternatives & options
- Updates on assisted technology
- Info on reauthorization of IDEA

Leadership report facilitated by Bruce Schroeder – There are 17 applicants for the USOE superintendent position. There is a concern about "highly qualified" teachers, and graduation requirements. The USOE will work on clarification of that issue. (Cactus meets Cognos) May of 1999 the five year SIG grant was approved. They will find out about the next three year SIG grant in June. Karl Wilson thanked Bruce and the SIG staff for their efforts of the last five years. Sharon Nyme, Monica Ferguson and Dan Morgan were given a "sphere" in a glass. Karl gave an update on reauthorization of IDEA. USOE has been going through its self-assessment and has met with OSEP. They identified some areas of work for the state.

Presentation: Bob Morgan and Darcie Peterson from USU - "Severe Disability Teacher Preparation Program at Utah State University." –There are two options, 1) on campus program (20 applicants). This is a 2-year, 45 credit program. 2) The off-campus program is a 2-year, 26-credit program. These courses are taught in SLC and have an advisory board from school district people, SIG and USOE. Cindy Meyers is in charge of this program.

Darcie talked about ways to recruit students (on campus) They are targeting peer tutors for recruitment efforts, since they have proved to be the students who go through the special education program. There is also a concurrent enrollment effort to get college credit with in high school students.

Presentation: Jack Mayhew (Weber State) represents ACRES and recognized the Up-to Three Program for ACRES Exemplary Program of the Year. **Sue Olsen** presented information on the Up-to-Three program (through USU). They are part of the Baby Watch statewide program and cover Logan, Cache, Rich and Box Elder school districts. They have a large group of service providers that help them. They make approximately

640 face-to-face visits per month. They are home based (95%). They have water therapy, parent participation groups, Wee Wonders, field trips, etc. There are three community partners: Tumbling with Tots, Top Athletes and Books 4 Kids. Sue thanked their school district partners from Logan, Cache, Rich and Box Elder. They are working with a program called responsive parenting.

Presentation: Deanna Avis – “Paraeducators and Career Development” – Jan Pace talked about the para to teacher program. She started as a volunteer tutor. She worked as a paraeducator for 25 years. She got the para certificate through the community college. Through the SIG grant she pursued her teaching certificate. Deanne Avis gave special recognition to Jan for her efforts (May Utah Special Educator p.38)

Presentation: Nancy Jones – Provo District - “Provo District’s Literacy Approach.” The first step was to look at what they wanted with thought, research and collaboration. They adopted the California Early Literacy Learning program (CELL), ExLL and Second Chance. CELL is for pre k – 3 grades; ExLL (3-8) Second Chance at Literacy (6-12). The programs include all forms of reading, writing, etc. It uses the core curriculum as it’s foundation. There is a literacy coordinator (half time) to help the schools. Teachers can talk the same language and collaborate together (www.cell-exll.com)

Presentation: Ginny Eggen – UPDC – “Mentors: How to make the most of your graduates.” Past mentors were asked to tell how they were used in their districts and/or how their training from mentors had helped them. Jane Golightly (Wasatche District) said that the UMTA was a wonderful opportunity. The skills and information presented have been outstanding. Mentors have been true leaders in their district. She has used the information in her new job as special education coordinator in Wasatch district. Wendy Carver (Murray) reluctantly went to Mentors and was amazed at the opportunities that she had as a result of that experience. She then felt like she needed to push the envelope in her district. Jan Wimpey (Ogden) presented a slide show, highlighting many former mentors who are serving in many capacities in their district.

Presentation: Suraj Syal – “Celebrating What Works” –a video celebration of the past year.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Those in attendance:

Vicki Ahlstrom	Monica Ferguson	Nancy Jones	Susan Ord
Gail Albrecht	Darla Fowers	Ted Kelly	Linda Otte
Richard Albrecht	Pat Frandsen	Anna LeFevre	James Payant
Jill Allgaier	Kathy French	Patricia Matthews	Hollie Pettersson
Morgan Anderson	Janet Freston	Jack Mayhew	Tammy Pettigrew
Joyce Barnes	Gordon Gibb	Karen Medlin	Doelene Pitt
Pat Beckman	Jennie Gibson	Ann Miller	Tony Powell
Marci Belnap	Jane Golightly	Peggy Milligan	Robin Rector
Glaucia Brown	Cindy Grace	Terri Mitchell	Bruce Schroeder
Ryan Burke	Barbara Graves	Julie Mootz	Cheryl Smith
Wendy Carver	Nan Gray	Bob Morgan	Amy Spencer
Dawnne Casey	Patti Haning	Dan Morgan	Suraj Syal
Jerry Christensen	Anna Lee Hansen	Kim Morris	David Taylor
Kay Clark	Michael Herbert	Calvin Newbold	Jocelyn Taylor
Cheralyn Creer	Mike Hicks	Linda Nicholes	Mary Vaughan
Sally Dyches	Cheryl Hostetter	Connie Nink	Jan Wimpey
Ginny Eggen	Diane Johnson	Deanna Nyman	Karl Wilson