

Consortium Minutes
December 13, 2002

Welcome: Nan Gray welcomed everyone.

Jerry Christensen also welcomed the group. He said it was great to be a part of this group.

Jim Curtice chaired the fund raiser and challenged everyone to be generous. This year we donated to LifeCare, which provides assistance to elderly and individuals with disabilities. (Several bags of canned goods were collected along with \$592.00 for this worthy cause.)

Jerry did the folder browse-by. **Michael Herbert** introduced the December issue of the *Utah Special Educator*.

Bruce Schroeder facilitated the USOE **leadership update**. The para educator conference was held in November and was a success. **Tom Burchett** left the USOE and now works in Salt Lake district. There is a training in January for personnel administrators and special education directors (contact **Monica Ferguson**). **Dan Morgan** talked about the Desktop Book for new teachers he has published. Also on February 28-and March 1st. there is a new special educator teacher conference. Contact **Dan Morgan** for information.

Presentation: Weber School District by Ann Miller, Lill Sedgewick, Ann Gompert, Susan Hagedorn – “Grow Deep, Not Tall”: Weber District promotes leadership and growth within the district. They encourage people to attend conferences that are available throughout the state and to participate in training opportunities. They have developed “teams”, such as the inclusion team. They have an impact team that works with teachers and students. They have provided opportunities to develop curriculum depth with additional training in math and English curriculum. They have “teachers teaching teachers” which gives credibility and promotes collaboration among teachers. The district has provided opportunities for new teachers to learn by attending trainings, visiting other teachers and an “Information Plus” resource book. Through this process they hope to retain their new special education teachers. They look to “Futures Planning” to anticipate the needs they will have in the future.

Presentation: Washington School District by Peggy Childs, Susan Elliott - The distance from the Wasatch front has impacted the types of trainings Washington’s teachers are able to attend. It is cost prohibitive to send people to many trainings. Therefore, they have developed many of their own trainings to take up the slack. They have “Early Year Enhancement”, mentoring and peer coaching, leadership opportunities, certification opportunities and opportunities for additional college credit for training. They had Life Long Learning and Associates come and help them develop trainings. Their model has five levels: 1-awareness, 2-growth/renewal, 3-advanced, 4-teacher/mentor, and 5-instructional leader. They have a school improvement plan that focuses on student performance, which draws on those who have training to help each school. They provide opportunities for training in areas of interest to help them

meet their goals. They help with development, where new goals are looked at as laws change.

Musical Presentation by Jordan Valley School – Their students performed some Christmas numbers.

Presentation: Rolando Ruano and three students from Kearns High School performed some cultural dances that celebrate different cultures.

Video Presentation: “It’s in Every One of Us”

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Those in attendance:

DiAnne Adams
Vicki Ahlstrom
Gail Albrecht
Morgan Anderson
Tom Burchett
Dawnne Casey
Jerry Christensen
Jim Curtice
Tony Done
Sally Dyches
Ginny Eggen
Darla Fowers
Peggy Fratto
Nan Gray
Deb Griffin
Mike Hicks
Michael Herbert

Randy Honaker
Diane Johnson
Nancy Jones
Taryn Kay
Karen Kowalski
Pat Matthews
Karen Medlin
Ronda Menlove
Terri Mitchell
Renee Moore
Dan Morgan
Mike Murray
Sharon Neyme
Linda Nicholes
Connie Nink
Susan Ord

Linda Otte
James Payant
Hollie Pettersson
Doelene Pitt
Robin Rector
Colleen Riley
Bruce Schroeder
Cheryl Smith
Nicole Suchey
Dave Taylor
Jocelyn Taylor
Jan Whimpey
Karl Wilson
Richard Young

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