

Consortium Minutes and Summary January 5, 2001

Welcome: Mary Vaughan welcomed the consortium group.

Jerry also welcomed everyone to Consortium and did the "folder browse-by".

Bruce Schroeder presented the "criticality Index". The top 6 or 7 are special education areas. This information is used to help determine what is critical for the T.H. Bell scholarship program. This information may help get financial aid for people who wish to become special education teachers. The issue of part time student financial help was raised. Another state office training issue is that of the "golden rules". The video tape and the audio only on CD are available for those who missed that training last August at the Law Conference. (Audio is also available on the website.) Deb Spark discussed the alternate assessment training that will be available. Half of one percent of the student population is involved in alternate assessment which is well below the national average. Some district's information is still missing (due December). The results are expected to be available on the web this spring. Assessment guidelines will be coming out this spring. IEP teams will make the decisions for appropriate assessment and terminology will be firmed up.

Bruce introduced John Copenhaver, Mountain Plains Regional Resource Center, (MPRRC) who shared some information with the Consortium. MPRRC is housed with Center for Persons with Disabilities at Utah State University. They service 11 states including the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Everything they do goes through the state directors of Special Education (Mae in our state). Mae has been elected to national position and is also on their board of directors. John told the consortium that their reputation outside of Utah is second to none. Our state is exemplary in this area. Electronic employment bulletin board development is a big issue, and something that is in place in Utah. Check MPRRC website for more information (www.usu.edu/~mprrc).

Bruce also mentioned the web based recruitment and the national magazine ads for Utah.

Jerry talked about the ULRC web page (www.ulrc.org). There are changes in the works as the ULRC works to update and improve the site. Jerry showed the website and talked about information available on the site, such as staff information, catalog of services, Special Educator, conference information, etc. Jerry said the ULRC is trying to use technology and that there is a lot of interesting things available.

BEST Presentation: Natalie Allen and Mishele Carroll (along with Michael Herbert & the ULRC) presented information about the BEST program and the top ten surefire ways to motivate tough kids. (Behavioral Educational Strategies for Teachers) Bruce introduced the BEST presentation. He also mentioned all the things that Ken Reavis had done to create and influence the program. They presented a summary of the trainings that they have done since September 1992 until present time. Statistics were given for the number of trainings and trained personnel that has occurred. They introduced themselves and the consultants (Susan Fister, Bill Jensen, and Bert Simmons). What they do: Model site training; (training sites in Weber, Salt Lake and Jordan School Districts); BEST Teams Institutes - 2 yr training, monthly inservice, master educators from Utah school districts. Inservice and material dissemination - annual conference co-sponsored with Utah CCBD, follow-up training, including SWAT teams; give out charts, spinners and books. And a newsletter "The BEST Times". Website (www.usoe.k12.ut.us/sars)

They highlighted some of the research that has gone into ways to motivate kids (Tough Kids Book). Top 10 sure-fire motivators for tough kids:

10 – “For whom the bell tolls” – get em on task with SNAP-E

9 – “What kids want – teacher praise” (deliver it frequently and immediately, describe what you saw, have some anticipation and through in some variety)

8 – “My grandma met her 4th husband this way – 200 club” (chart) – reinforcement for being good

7 – “Accentuate the positive and eliminate the negative” – yes/no program.

6 – “It isn’t legal in Utah, but it works” – lottery. A predetermined behavior with a desirable prize

5 – “The Godfather’s law: make him an offer he can’t refuse” – point systems

4 – “The “I’s have it” – dots for motivation

3 – “Better than an AAA Triptik” – chart moves

2 – “Pat Sajak’s favorite” – spinner

1 – “I’d tell you but I’d have to kill you” – mystery motivator

Natalie and Mishele modeled many of the behaviors, etc. they talked about

There was a tribute to Ken “Maverick” Reavis. The video of “The Maverick Way” was shown.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.

Those in attendance:

DiAnne Adams
Natalie Allen
Morgan Anderson
Mary Baldwin
John Ballard
Joyce Barnes
Brenda Broadbent
Mishele Carroll
Wendy Carver
Dawnne Casey
Jerry Christensen
John Copenhaver
Jim Curtice
Harriett Dickerson
Tony Done
Monica Ferguson
Jan Ferre
Peggy Fratto
Barbara Graves
Annette Greenberg

Allen Gurney
Anna Lee Hansen
Jackie Harris
Karen Harrop
Michael Herbert
Steve Hirase
Randy Honaker
Cheryl Hostetter
Cheryl Hunt
Paula Kashiwaeda
Danelle Keith
Tracy Knickerbocker
Karen Kowalski
Marilyn Madsen
Pat Matthews
Frankie McCandless
Camille McQuivey
Karen Medlin
Ann Miller
Peggy Milligan

Dan Morgan
Lowell Oswald
Linda Otte
Helen Post
Antoine Powell
Robin Rector
Lee Robinson
Jack Rudio
Valerie Scherbinske
Bruce Schroeder
Dale Sheld
Cheryl Smith
Deb Spark
Ellen Stantus
Nicole Suchey
Kathy Tatum
Sylvia Valdez
Tom Van Gorder
Mary Vaughan

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