

Consortium Minutes May 3, 2002

Welcome by Bruce Schroeder – Bruce took a look back at the new year and talked about transition of the board. **Jerry Christensen** presented a gift to Mary Vaughan and Steve Hirase in appreciation of their service on the board.

Jerry introduced the theme of the consortium as technology. He also did the folder browse-by. **Jim Curtice** reminded the special education directors to get the names of their candidates in to the UPDC as soon as possible for the mentor academy. He mentioned that we are looking for those who would be good leaders and take information back to their districts. It was suggested that if you don't have anyone in mind, consider sending the ALS person to the academy.

Bruce did the USOE Leadership report –
Brenda Broadbent announced the Law Conference on July 31-Aug 1. Registration can be done online for the conference. Bruce commented on the CSPD catalog that will be undated and given out at a later date.

Presentation: Diane Johnson and Sharon Neyme – Online Professional Development. A team from Granite District and the state went to a conference for online professional development. Online Academy (funded by OSEP) has e-learning modules for pre-service teacher education programs through the University of Kansas. These modules were developed under a national panel of experts and based on validated research. There are many benefits to online training —flexibility, private learning, and easy access. They are content rich and are designed to move research into practice. They are designed to be used by practicing educators. The modules are: standards based IEPs; accommodations, models for collaboration, effective transition, relating assessment to instruction and national curriculum standards for math, reading and science. Each module includes orientation, support, lessons and practice. There are many possible applications for these modules. The online modules (www.elearndesign.org) are available for review with anticipated access for fall 2002 (user name is “preview” and password is “previewonly”).

Dan Morgan – Data snapshots: a quick look at some of our data. Dan passed out the results of the data he had acquired by surveys from teachers throughout the state. Some interesting facts: we have a young special education workforce (40% are in their first three years of teaching). These numbers show that we will be short in Utah this fall. The survey also shows that new special education teachers are getting more support than they used to. Most teachers said they were satisfied with their jobs, but dissatisfied with their salaries.

Michael Herbert and Cheryl Hostetter presented the new *Utah Special Educator*. They announced the theme for next year (recruitment and retention) along with due dates for article submission. They called for nominations of outstanding personnel in their districts to be recognized in the magazine. They also passed out the CD with the past years Special Educators and a few other important information sources.

Presentation: Victoria Rasmussen and Doug Jones from Utah Education Network Resources. They provide resources for the classroom and provide training throughout the state on how to use technology in the classroom. There is a Pioneer Online Library. They offer many online resources that provide information that can be accessed through the internet. (www.uen.org) There are curriculum resources with a search feature. They

also link with many professional development resources, such as: MarcoPolo.internet
www.surweb.org, www.uen.org/themepark, www.unitedstreaming.com,
www.worldbook.online.com

Presentation: Peter Miner (UCAT) – Assistive Technology Today – Assistive Technology (AT) is anything that helps a person deal with a disability. AT services are helping people acquire and use the devices necessary to enhance their educational process. They are located at Rehab Service Center, 1595 W 500 S, SLC 84104. They provide products on a loan basis before people buy and have a computer center to help. To obtain services an evaluation is needed. Funding advice is given along with home and jobsite assessment. Funding comes from state and federal resources. There are augmentative communication devices, ramps and lifts, aids to daily living, electronic aids to daily living, seating and positioning aids and mobility aids. Contact Peter at Pminer@usor.state.ut.us or pminer@utah.gov (after July 1st)

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Minutes taken by Cheryl Smith

Those in attendance:

DiAnne Adams
Pat Beckman
Brenda Broadbent
Julie Buckingham
Dawnne Casey
Jerry Christensen
Brent Coffman
Jim Curtice
Tony Done
Ginny Eggen
Monica Ferguson
Peggy Fratto
Janet Freston
C.W. Freston
Jennie Gibson
Kit Giddings
Jane Golightly
JoAnn Goodrich
Nan Gray

Allen Gurney
Michael Herbert
Mike Hicks
Steve Hirase
Cheryl Hostetter
Diane Johnson
Anna LeFevre
Susan Loving
Marilyn Madsen
Pat Matthews
Karen Medlin
Ronda Menlove
Ann Miller
Terri Mitchell
Dan Morgan
Kim Morris
Sharon Neyme
Connie Nink
Steve Noyce

Linda Otte
Hollie Pettersson
Antoine Powell
Robin Rector
Bruce Schroeder
Cheryl Smith
Nicole Suchey
Dave Taylor
Jocelyn Taylor
Peter Titze
Vickie Todd
Mary Vaughan
Tom Walker
Jan Whimpey
Karl Wilson
Nancy Winitzky
Cheryl Winston