

Consortium Minutes May 9, 2003

Welcome: **Ann Miller** welcomed the group to the last Consortium of this year. She mentioned sitting in the interviews for the new staff members for the UPDC and was impressed with the fact that most were former mentors and complimented the UPDC staff for what they do.

Jerry Christensen introduced **Suraj Syal** as a new staff member of the UPDC. Suraj is from Provo district and we are excited to have him on board. Jerry also mentioned that **Tony Done** is on the Polycom down in San Juan viewing this meeting.

Jerry showed a clip about why “cats” rule his life. Jerry did the folder browse by. Jerry also talked about the print out that was handed out to district documenting the trainings that the UPDC did this past year. He mentioned that there are posters in the hall from the last UBI training and urged everyone to view them,

Michael Herbert introduced this month’s *Utah Special Educator*. He mentioned that each edition is online and is fully searchable. The this year’s mentors were very instrumental in this edition.

Jim Curtice urged each district to get their mentor applications in for next year. The registration deadline has been extended until June 9th. The districts that are first in, get first chance at extra slots.

Bruce Schroeder facilitated the USOE update. He mentioned the Law Conference and that the registration is online. June 20 is the date that the Utah Agenda will be reviewed and there has been a lot of work invested in this so far. The USOE has been planning the discriminatory money for the coming year and looking at the needs for the coming year.

Presentation: Michael Herbert, on WJ III Diagnostic Supplement. This is a new tool. Assessment should be the way to determine what we need to do. The purpose of testing is to find out more about the student, not to just obtain a score. The new test is a supplement to the cognitive and achievement tests. This will give better ELL assessment, tests students with low verbal skills, and has early childhood assessment. He talked about the GIA Bilingual portion of the test. Michael said that the GIA Early Developmental test will allow us to identify and help ages 2-6 or anyone who functions at the preschool level.

Presentation: Krista Ingle and Jacki Burnham, Wasatch District – Wasatch developed a district inclusion team. They named themselves the district diversity team. The team meets monthly during school time (grant to pay subs). They have the backing of the superintendent and therefore the school administrators were receptive to the team’s efforts. They identified needs of school and are working on solutions to make change. The Heber Valley Diversity team was spotlighted. Lots of training and collaboration that went into their efforts. There were several

blended services that provided additional help for teachers to help their students.

Behavior Team Reports:

Noelle Converse, Granite District. She is the school safety coordinator. She talked about the role of district personnel in supporting school-wide positive behavioral support. She felt that her role will serve as an objective and facilitative voice in the implementation of positive behavioral supports. This shifts the role that district specialists play in supporting schools from reactive to proactive. It improves district-wide data in regards to suspensions, school safety and over time academics.

Terry Humphreys and Larry Larsen, Cache District.(North Cache 8/9 Center, a Tier 1 School). Larry said that the feeling and the climate around the school have changed as a result of UBI. They created a team and set up their goals. They wanted faculty support and they defined behavioral expectations. They had pre-and post teacher surveys. They implemented their plan after forming focus groups. They formed the *Bobcat 200 Club*. There have been some teachers who have created roadblocks to this system and they are working to change that.

Kristen Hamnet, Alpine School District – Their UBI Team wanted to make sure that everyone was on the same page. Kristen showed a video that shows before and after results of their efforts.

Presentation: Jim Curtice presented the video of “*Celebrating What’s Right With the World*”, Jim asked audience to share some of the things that are right in each district. Ann Miller shared some thoughts about the mentor program in Weber district. Karen Medlin shared her experience of sharing this video with her district and the positive feelings it provided. Tom Walker shared how a former special education teacher uses former students as aid. Helen Post talked about the support they get at the Parent Center from so many agencies and sources.

Meeting adjourned at noon.

Those who attended the meeting:

DiAnne Adams
Vicki Ahlstrom
Gail Albrecht
Morgan Anderson
John Ballard
Brenda Broadbent
Dawnne Casey
Cheralyn Creer
Jim Curtice
Harriet Dickerson
Sally Dyches
Monica Ferguson
Jan Ferre
Peggy Fratto
Jane Golightly

Nan Gray
Leanne Hawken
Mike Hicks
Randy Honaker
Nancy Jones
Karen Kowalski
Anna LeFevre
Susan Loving
Patricia Matthews
Jack Mayhew
Karen Medlin
Ann Miller
Peggy Milligan
Calvin Newbold
Sharon Neyme

Linda Nicholes
Steve Noyce
James Payant
Helen Post
Amy Spencer
Bruce Schroeder
Cheryl Smith
Nicole Suchey
Suraj Syal
David Taylor
Vickie Todd
Tom Walker
Jan Whimpey
Karl Wilson
Cheryl Winston

