

Date: May 8, 2012

Time 9:00

## SPECIAL TEAM

### Minutes

Dr. Gigliotti welcomed the members to the last meeting of the year. She requested the members report on news from their areas.

Dorothy Cook stated they were waiting to hear from 2A money as the news had not been favorable for receiving funds next year. The PD sheets will be sent out shortly and completed based on the funding information known at this time. Principals will be meeting for summer ACSIP Planning.

Keith Alman said it had been business as usual. The technology set up for the PD held on May 4<sup>th</sup> in the Hackler Cafeteria was very successful. Dr. G and Dorothy thanked the Technology Department for their hard work and for being at the training that day in case they were needed. A note was made that most of the teacher by a show of hands that day had a laptop or an IPAD.

Darla Deatherage reported on the testing in the district. AP Testing was going on now. The ELDA Test would be mailed today and Target Testing was coming up. Dr. G added that following much research and discussion a recommendation had been made to use Classworks in place of target testing. This would be presented at the May Board Meeting. There would be a cut in the expense of JEDI and Kids College. She also stated Section 3 and 8 would be on the agenda for the May meeting.

Darla mentioned the changes in classroom/education that were on the way and the need to inform parents. Dr/ G suggested a focus group to prepare the information for the parents of these upcoming changes. One change would be with PARCC and the open response being graded by artificial intelligence.

Darla also spoke of the requirement of all Special Education students to pass Algebra I EOC. She said a plan was to make packets of released items for remediation of students. But with Classworks there was a remediation program thus a packet was not made. They were using Classworks at this time to see if it would be successful and she felt that it would. For those students not passing ALg I it was not know at this time if they would be in Alg I again or in Content Mastery Class.

Debbie Atkinson said the Special Education State Conference to be held in Eureka Springs would be "The Cure for Common Core" due to the increase in IEP's and a change in the goals. She said with Alg I on an IEP the goals and objectives would reflect what the student missed on the Alg I EOC.

Carol Wegerer and Garrett Rucker had been helpful with the use of Classworks and Debbie shared her appreciation of that help. She said that she would be taking Nora Regan's students to Salsa's for lunch as part of their final grade in Spanish. They are required to order in Spanish. The entire class of 23 will

enjoy the trip. Thirty five students had taken part in the recent Special Olympics which Barbara Proffitt at Pinkston does a marvelous job. Interviews will be conducted soon for the Sp Ed openings. Debbie ended her report with the information concerning the State Baseball and Soccer Tournaments both this week in Mountain Home.

Monte Burroughs said work continues on surveys. He is working with Mollie Morgan on one that is basically an Exit Survey for 9-12 grades. He suggested the use of a random advisory group to complete the survey. The opinion survey for Dr. Myers is almost completed.

Dr. G reported on the May 3<sup>rd</sup> Vertical Alignment/Facilitators Training with a make -up day on May 23. She encouraged the members to attend as it would help define their role on their Vertical Team and the support they will offer.

She further stated that meetings next year would be different as they would meet with their Vertical Team. Regular SPECIAL Team Meetings would be scheduled immediately following the Board Agenda Review Meetings and meet with the principals. The SPECIAL Team would be released and then the Principals' Meeting would begin.

Dr. G asked if the members would send her their work calendars, nothing fancy, but something to let her know the summer plans. Plus a phone number in case she would need to contact them during the summer.

Without any further discussions or reports, Dr. G thanked the members for their exceptional work and the meeting was adjourned.