

Date: September 6, 2011

Time: 9:00

## SPECIAL Team

### Minutes

Dr. Gigliotti opened the first meeting of the year with an AdvancEd Power Point Presentation and a short review of the premiere accreditation source. The team selected October 13<sup>th</sup> as a workday beginning at 9:00 in the Board Room. Laptops will be provided.

The team reviewed the power point and following discussion some changes were made. Members were assigned a standard and assignments are as follows:

Standard 1: Keith Alman and Brigitte Shipman

Standard 2: Dr. Gigliotti, Naomi Lassen, and Dorothy Cook

Standard 3: Dr. Gigliotti, Darla Deatherage, and Rita Persons

Standard 4: Debbie Atkinson, Monte Burroughs, Darla Deatherage, and Naomi Lassen

Standard 5: Dorothy Cook, Naomi Lassen, Rita Persons, Jeff Kincade, and Debbie Atkinson  
Support from Keith Alman

Standard 6: Jeff Kincade and Brigitte Shipman

Standard 7: Keith Alman and Monte Burroughs  
Support from Dorothy Cook

Wes Henderson will be assisting with transportation and Mollie Morgan will help with hospitality during the AdvancEd Team visit to Mountain Home.

The SPECIAL Team members will be helping with preparations in the buildings and they have been assigned the buildings as follows:

MHK – Darla Deatherage

NWH – Rita Persons

HIS- Naomi Lassen

PMS- Monte Burroughs

MHJH- Dorothy Cook

MHHS- Brigitte Shipman

Sp Ed- Debbie Atkinson and Jeff Kincade

ALE- Jeff Kincade and Debbie Atkinson

The power point presentation will be shared at the November School Board Meeting. Dr. Myers suggested sending this out in the Friday Focus to make it available to all faculty members and to place it on the website. It would also be productive to include the information in the newsletters that are sent home.

Without further questions or discussion, each member gave a short report on their department.

Darla Deatherage said she had attended the CCSS sessions along with Target Testing sessions at the co-op. Algebra I was testing next week while DIBELS/mclass were testing K-6 now.

Keith Alman stated they were adapting to new paradigms and though while currently understaffed they were monitoring the network especially at NWH due to the construction. Some items that have been on hold but will resumes include more band width, I Pads and wireless.

Dorothy Cook reported work continued on ACSIP. She invited all to the December 6<sup>th</sup> 504 Workshop hosted by Dr. Donnie Lee from Harding University.

Naomi Lassen said student testing and planning continued. As of today she has 35 students and 10 students to monitor.

Dr. Gigliotti reported that with the absence of Merlina McCullough, Literacy Specialist, a team, selected by the building's principal, would be meeting to prepare a plan of action for the district in the area of literacy and in math. The first meeting will be September 12<sup>th</sup>.

Brigitte Shipman stated she has been working in many different areas which include Academy Meetings, PIE, PIE handbook revisions, and the mentor's orientation which will include some program revisions. Plans were complete for the Academy Kick Off and the freshman class would be joining them. The Advisory Lunch will be September 13<sup>th</sup> 12:00-1:00.

Brigitte stated that MHHS is being show cased by the stated department. We are the only successful wall-to-wall career academy in Arkansas and one of five in the nation. Jonesboro will be sending a team to MHHS on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Rita Persons said a lot had been going on in NWH especially with the construction. Teachers' planning time had been extended to one hour. Also PODS had been formed and the teachers were enjoying that. Some had finished the Assessment Wall.

Debbie Atkinson reported they had 405 Special Education students to begin the year. Gary Giovanini will be resigning in December. Rita Persons, RIT trained, will be working with Monte. Rita, Dorothy, and Keith will be working with the new I Pads.

Monte Burroughs said the appeals for math and literacy scores had been completed and mailed to the state department. He will be meeting with the high school department heads working toward alternative assessments. Monte stated he is hoping to present at the next TICAL Conference.

Jeff Kincade wanted to thank everyone for the books, support, and help offered during the move to Guy Berry. They started the year with 32 students and now have 49 enrolled, so they are growing. Students are enjoying and responding to the new setting and using AVHS. Jeff said they may ask Gary Giovanini to come help a bit with AVHS.

Dr. Myers invited all to the School Board Noon Meeting at the kindergarten. The New Tech High Schools will be discussed. Ten grants will be given toward this area. Thursday there will be another meeting concerning concurrent credit welding. Dr. Myers invited them to the September 13 MHEF Board Meeting and luncheon. He also stated there was some concern from the state that CCSS were not getting into the classrooms. He agreed when many stated they felt our district was doing a good job in that area.

Dr. G reminded the team that October 28<sup>th</sup> would be a Technology Day and 3 hours of PD could be earned. Some ideas that followed were: Outlook with calendar, Diagnostic reports, School Dude, and My Lesson Planner.

Without any further questions or discussion, Dr. G thanked the members for their enthusiasm and desire to serve. The team is committed to the students and she stated her appreciation for the hard work they do. The meeting was adjourned.