

PDC Meeting notes

10 September 2008

Attendance: Members attending were Scott Cleveland, Claire Hasemeier, Brandy Huber, Danielle Riefle, Karen Griffon, Karin Busiere

Preparation for 08-09 study groups:

Materials have arrived for the reading groups; math books have been ordered. The Committee discussed the possibilities for at-risk groups and decided on Intervention Strategy flip-charts as the at-risk books previewed mostly addressed generalities. The flip-charts will most likely be more practical for users. The Committee is anxious to receive feedback from those who attended the Ruby Payne conference during the summer so that additional faculty members can learn from their experiences as they fit the needs of at-risk students. Ruby Payne conference attendees will be asked to either present at an after-school meeting or share strategies through the PD Newsletter.

Facilitator review:

Several of those attending the summer's facilitator training asked for a quick review of procedures prior to October 1. A meeting has been scheduled for after school on Tuesday, Sept 23 to address this need. Interested parties need to contact Karin B.

Structure of early-outs:

The Committee agreed that faculty members would prefer reporting directly to their study groups and remaining with the groups until the end of the work day instead of holding a large group meeting each month in the library.

October 1 plans:

Karin B will contact Ann Chase from Northwest School District to confirm plans for her and her team to present to the whole faculty on October 1. The team will share their philosophy of professional development as it positively affects student achievement and will suggest some strategies for looking at student work.

PD Day in Louisiana – expectations:

A memo with attachment will be sent to faculty members prior to the PD Day indicating the Committee's expectations for reporting professional development experiences from the day. Teachers/administrators will be asked to bring information to the October 1 early-out to share with colleagues. The Committee will also ask Mr. Flanagan for his input on the reports.

PD T-shirts:

The Committee expressed appreciation to Scott and Mr. Peine for their involvement in the t-shirt ordering. Thirty-one shirts have been ordered; September 15 is the deadline for further orders.

Financial outlook for 08-09:

The Eisenhower funding “boon” of last year is, of course, no more. Funding is available this year at \$300 per person for professional training. The Committee determined that reimbursement for coursework will no longer be available through professional development funds.

RtI Committee:

Jason Miller has agreed to chair the RtI exploration core committee. At the present time, he is gathering information about DESE’s expectations and implementation in various schools. Claire suggested the core committee (or some of its members) attend the CSD training on Sept 16 (\$30 per person). Essential components of RtI will be discussed as well as examples from other districts.

Funding granted:

Requests were submitted and granted for the following individuals:

- Kim Jones – Media Relations seminar (106.40)
Child Abuse seminar (86.40)
- Ed Martinson – Reading First workshop (25.00)
- Karin Busiere – expenses for facilitator binders (12.61)

Next meeting:

The PD Committee will meet again on Monday, Oct 7.

Adjournment:

Danielle Riefle moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:10; Scott Cleveland seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Karin Busiere
PD Chair