



Design Team Meeting Summary

Thursday, April 22, 2010, 3:30 PM District 428 Administration Center

Members Present: Judy Cox-Henderson, Mark McGowan, Paulette Bowman, Kristin Brynteson, Russ Fletcher, Jennie Hueber, Mary Miller, Marilyn Bellert, Sharon Smaldino, Susan Callahan, Amy Crook, Judy Pokorny, Roger Scott, Kari Cremascoli, Lindsay Hall

Members Absent: Stacy Bjorkman, Christine Malecki, Doug Moeller, Margo Sickele, Jessica Stewart, Chad Gregory

Guests: STAR tutoring students

1. Reports

- Eight NIU student tutors and their supervisor Judy Cox-Henderson presented The Star Tutoring program. Each student spoke in turn about the various aspects of the program and accepted questions from the Design Team members. Approximately 90 sessions were attended with most students attending one or two times. Math was, as predicted by the group, the most requested subject for tutoring. Suggestions were given for improving the program (writing workshops, training on how to prepare for finals, stress busting) and increasing use (change/increase time of day offered, improve staff awareness, gather student feedback, track student improvement to document success).
- Late Starts will be back next school year. Teachers are working to complete syllabi, to review and reflect, and to go over portfolios and coach evaluations.
- Story ideas for National Model Committee are today's presentation of the STAR tutoring program and information about co-teaching and mentoring.

2. Committee Reports

Preservice Committee

An invitation list is being developed for a district-wide orientation for student teachers and staff on 8/23/10 and 1/18/11. A consensus regarding character qualities appropriate for PDS co-teaching mentors and interns is being discussed and will be in the handbook under construction.

Curriculum Committee

The philosophy statement is posted on the website. The committee is learning the process DHS uses to analyze standardized test data and exploring the use of Explore in student placements. Curriculum and preservice committees will meet together in May to forward the discussion of the co-teaching model.

Professional Development Committee

Next meeting 4/26/10

National Model Committee

The committee continues to develop a charge centered on following the lead of the Design Team and the committees to identify and address their communications needs.

3. Other Reports/Updates

- School configuration/Huntley Elementary meetings are conducted about every two weeks to define the core elements for the new school. The planners are opening a Wiki as a sharing tool and will soon articulate direction to the board (May 18).
- An administrator-level demonstration of some SEC data was presented by Kristin Brynteson (See handout). The amount of data available caused the group to determine that professional development is needed to understand and use the data. Other subjects may be considered for next year.

4. New Tasks

- Professional Development ideas—What does the co-teaching pilot look like?
- Five to seven pairs of teachers and NIU students for pilot study are being considered. A “pairs” meeting to introduce mentor teachers and interns will be scheduled in May and a workshop for mentor teachers is being planned for later in the summer.

Next Meeting—May 27, 2010, 3:30 PM, District Administration Building

Future Meetings—June 24, July 22, August 26, September 23, October 28, November 18, December 16