



## Design Team Meeting Summary

Thursday, March 18, 2010, 3:30 PM District 428 Administration Center

**Members Present:** Susan Callahan, Roger Scott, Doug Tamms, Chad Gregory, Judy Pokorny, Kristin Brynertson, Judy Cox-Henderson, Doug Moehler, Stacy Bjorkman, Christine Malecki, Marilyn Bellert, Lindsey Hall, Cindy Lofthouse, Sharon Smaldino, Mary Miller, Kari Cremascoli

**Members Absent:** Amy Crook, Russ Fletcher, Jessica Stewart, Margo Sickele

**Meeting Objectives:** Receive reports, coordinate the work of the committees

### 1. Reports

- The results from Late Start survey were reported by Jennie Hueber.
- Contact Marilyn Bellert with your story ideas for National Model Committee.
- Several of the NAPDS attendees reported on the highlights of the conference. See the full report posted on the Partnership website at [www.niu.edudist428partnership/dekalbhs](http://www.niu.edudist428partnership/dekalbhs).

#### Highlights from the NAPDS conference

Connecting DHS and NIU

Gaining a common vocabulary

Improving engagement in planning discussions with increasing enthusiasm and momentum

Learning more about the co-teaching model

- Conceptualizing with teachers
- Training on co-teaching
- Transforming ideas of teacher candidate rolls and responsibilities
- Creating a PDS culture
- Structuring ongoing PDS with PLTs and interdisciplinary groups at DHS
- Keeping a purposeful goal in view
- Enticing participation through seminars
- Developing a theme
- Improving communication at all levels
- Selecting liaisons and getting them active right away
- Financing

### 2. Committee Reports

#### Preservice Committee

- Liaison selection and responsibilities are being discussed, a task list for the August meeting is evolving, co-teaching pilot parameters are developing, as is the disposition of teacher' tasks, and NIU coursework delivery at DHS needs more consideration. All of these areas are critical to tie together all the pieces. A question was raised about NIU candidate classroom space in the new building.
- **TASK:** Let Doug Moeller know the space and technology needs of an NIU classroom at the new DeKalb High School including possible classroom location in the building, nearness to which academic departments, room use when NIU is not in attendance, and other flexible options.

#### Curriculum Committee

- The philosophy statement was presented (copy attached).
- Progress is being made on the Pilot of a few interns (5) to start this fall.
- The committee has agreed that the Co-Teaching model, training, and professional development is the direction to be further developed.

- Continued work with the NIU representatives to practice PLT Skills and provide information on DHS data collected. Including the progress being made by each Professional Learning Team.
- SEC Data will be shared at the next meeting after the DHS Staff has had the time to look at and process the data.

#### **Professional Development Committee**

- Christine Malecki will attend the next PD committee meeting to bring updates on Rtl/3TM. Summer PD workshop and Fall 2010-Spring 2011 PD series planning is beginning.

#### **National Model Committee**

- The committee reviewed the February 16 Celebration and reflected on the Partnership accomplishments.
- **TASK:** Develop a charge centered on following the lead of the Design Team and the committees to identify and address their communications needs. The committee also sees the need to communicate the meaning of the PDS to the teachers.

### **3. Other Reports/Updates**

- School configuration was the topic of the February 23 Governance meeting leading to a follow-up meeting on March 15 with teachers and staff from the Partnership, Wright, Chesebro, and Huntley at Huntley Middle School to brainstorm configuration ideas. The **task** assigned for completion before the next meeting on March 29 is to consider what the combining schools should retain from their current situation, improve upon, and what they should do without.
- IASPIRE , May 10-11 at Northern Illinois University (Christine)
- Agree to continue with 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month schedule throughout the summer. See the list of dates below.
- Jennie and Kristin will report on the SEC testing at the April meeting

### **4. New Tasks**

- Continue to explore Professional Development ideas including co-teaching as a three-step process (using St. Cloud example) and include the HMS people. Professional development is also needed on “Partnering Skills.”
- Finalize philosophy statement from Curriculum Committee (Susan/Roger)
- Match teachers and NIU students for pilot study (Susan, Judy C.H., and Jennie) Watch for a story here!

### **5. Other**

**Next Meeting**—April 22, 2010, 3:30 PM, District Administration Building

**Future Meetings**—May 27, June 24, July 22, August 26, September 23, October 28, November 18, December