



DHS/NIU Partnership Design Team Meeting Summary

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

Attendees: Amy Crook, Roger Scott, Susan Callahan, Paulette Bowman, Kristin Brynteson, Sharon Smaldino, Jennie Hueber Steve Ode, Doug Moeller, Lindsey Hall, Christine Malecki, Kari Cremascoli

Absent: Marilyn Bellert, Stacy Bjorkman, Chad Gregory, Cindy Lofthouse, Mary Miller, Judy Pokorny, Jessica Stewart

Guests: Caroline Skaret, Emily White, and Suzanne Coffield from STAR tutoring

Brief Reports

STAR Tutoring (NIU students) Christine Malecki showed a PPT presentation of impressive STAR statistics comparing this semester so far to last spring: 124 sessions (200), 78 different students (90), most sessions per student 9 (16), 91% one-time visit (11% increase from last year). Math tutoring continues to be the most used. Some of the STAR team brainstorming ideas for increasing attendance follow:

- increase the number of tutors available at peak times
- conduct a homeroom survey to determine areas of tutoring needed
- stamp homework in recognition that a tutor helped that student with that assignment
- display posters listing how STAR tutors can help
- submit a school newspaper article promoting STAR tutoring
- include math teachers in STAR training sessions
- ensure that the right help is available when the students need it
- post college banners in visible areas
- conduct the sessions in more visible locations
- revise the process to include more after-school sessions
- place schedule cards for subject-area tutors in appropriate teachers' mailboxes
- ask teachers to encourage students to make tutoring appointments
- mention STAR tutoring at 8th grade parent meetings
- suggest that teachers include an assignment which requires the STAR stamp

Susan introduced Suzanne Coffield, the NIU contact for STAR tutoring who expressed her enthusiasm for the great group of candidates and her hope that tutoring will begin to be used more for more services other than math.

NIU Art Curriculum project (Chad/Marilyn) Chad and Marilyn were not at the meeting to report, but Chad sent the following email to the Design Team members.

Sorry I could not make it to the meeting, but I wanted to fill you in on the special art project. I have been in contact with Lee Sido and Doug Boughton. Everyone at NIU has been very accommodating and enthusiastic about the idea. Our student at DHS has met with Mr. Sido and has also participated in the First Annual Iron Pour event. Lee and I are in the process of scheduling a time for a visit to DHS so that he can meet with our student and look at a possible sculpture to cast.

Co-teaching workshop on November 12 Susan reported that all the co-teaching pairs were present at the successful, positive workshop. Susan has also visited most of the classrooms and observes that the pairs are working well.

SEC training, November 17 The nine teachers who took the SEC in October and November met with Kristin, Roger, and others to look at the interesting and overwhelming data. After the teachers have had time to look

over their data, they will meet again to discuss how to apply the data and the next steps. They were pleased to note their close alignment with core standards.

Announcements

On December 10 the Design Team will take a tour of the new high school. Be at the construction trailer at noon to pick up your hard hat.

Standing Committee Reports

National Model (Kari/Marilyn) The committee has not met since the last meeting and Kari requests suggestions from the various committees on how National Model can assist them. At their next meeting the committee plans to review their charge and determine how to move forward.

PreService (Judy/Lindsey) The second semester student orientation is planned for January 13, 2011 with a slightly different format from the fall session, incorporating suggested changes. The invitation will be sent out within the next two weeks. The PDS brochure has been sent to the designer. Kari and Marilyn, as representatives of the National Model committee, will attend the next Preservice meeting on December 1 and view the brochure draft.

Audit (Kristin) The committee met on November 18 and began defining measurements and data collection for the five standards, creating Learning Community Standards first. The goal is to complete an evaluation plan document that outlines the evaluation process and the metrics used for evaluation. When complete, the team will share their plan with the school board, hopefully by their April meeting.

Task Committee Reports

Freshman Academy (Doug/Jennie) The FA plan was presented to the Board of Education on Tuesday, November 2, 2010; and the 2010-2011 schedule was voted through at the November 13, 2010 meeting. No commitments have been made yet because of funding issues. The Student Engagement survey was completed and mailed to the University of Indiana.

PDS Guidebook and Brochure (Judy/Lindsey) The first draft of the brochure is at the Designer and will be ready for review at the Preservice December 1 meeting.

Student Support (Cindy/Christine) This group continues with their ongoing tasks such as SOAR, STAR tutoring, PBIS, ESL, and SAIP.

Teacher Quality (Susan) More members are need on this committee, Amanda Christensen and Angie Johnson were suggested. Susan would like the DHS material on mentoring.

Events

Three proposals have been submitted to NAPDS 2011, March 10- 13 in New Orleans. After we are notified that our proposals are accepted we will finalize the presenter list and make final arrangements for the attendees.

Other

The Design Team will not meeting in December, but planning will continue for the PDS conference, discussion will proceed on the Team committee structure, and written reports could/should be submitted for posting online by the various Task Groups.

Marilyn and Chad will further report on the developments within the New Art Curriculum at DHS and the continued partnering with the NIU ART department

Next Meeting— January 27

Future Dates—February 24, March 31, April 28, May 26