

New Mexico Partnership for Math and Science Education (NMPMSE)

May 2, 2003

1:30 - 4:00 PM

KNME Conference Room

Albuquerque, New Mexico

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting began with a thank you to Coleen Keane and KNME for hosting the NMPMSE.

Members present: Cindy Chapman, Dave Church, Darlene Cronin, Jerry Cronin, Michele Diel, Terry Dunbar, Doug Erick, Tom Gruszka, Jack Jekowski, Colleen Keane, Barbara, Kimbell, Paula Morgan, Richard Nygren, Doniven Porterfield, Steve Sánchez, Gil Sena, Kurt Steinhaus, Kristin Umland, and Betsy Yost, NMPMSE Treasurer

Tom Gruszka from Western New Mexico University was recognized for traveling the longest distance to attend the Partnership meeting.

2. Update from the New Mexico Department of Education

Steve Sánchez provided a summary of the 2003 Legislative Session with special emphasis on House Bill 212, Education Reform Bill, and Senate Bill 911, revising the public school code. The legislation includes increases in graduation requirements for math and science as well as implications for teacher preparation. The State Department of Education will publish a guidance document about the new legislation.

A full summary of education-related legislation is available from the Legislative Education Student Committee (LESC). <http://legis.state.nm.us/lescdefault.asp>
Pauline Rindone is executive director of the LESC.

The question of statewide governance and creation of a state Secretary of Education will be presented to New Mexico voters on September 23, 2003

Action: Steve Sanchez requested that Patrick Gannon from the state Economic Development Department be invited to the next NMPMSE meeting

Steve Sánchez also talked about funding (~\$900K) from the US Dept. of Education regarding Math and Science Partnerships. Steve is waiting for further guidance from the federal government. Kristin Umland provided additional information stating that the funding will likely be distributed via competitive grants and will focus on partnerships between high needs schools and College of Arts and Science faculty. College of Education faculty will also be involved.

Kristin shared handouts about the Vermont Mathematics Initiative http://www.emba.uvm.edu/~gross/vmi_summary.html and the Massachusetts Mathematics Institute. <http://www.eimc.org/>

Action: Steve Sanchez requested that the NMPMSE assist in writing the statewide Request for Proposals. Members of the partnership will be asked to participate on an RFP writing committee.

Action: NMPMSE members asked that information about teacher licensure be sent to the partnership (completed May 3, 2003)

3. TODOS Mathematics for All

Cindy Chapman provided summary information and a brochure about TODOS: Mathematics for All. The mission of TODOS is to advocate for an equitable and high quality mathematics education for all students, in particular Latino/Hispanic students, by advancing the professional growth and equity awareness of educators.

More information is available on the Web. <http://www.todos-math.org/>

3. Meeting Follow-up: Virginia Trujillo in Governor Bill Richardson's Office.

Vicente Llamas and Rick Scott met with Virginia Trujillo and have established an open line of communication with the Governor's Office.

4. Partnership Web Page

Angela Martinez and Rebecca Duran have been working on updates to the NMPMSE web site.

Action: The new web site address will be sent to Partnership members for comment and suggestions.

5. Partnership Proposal to NASA

Vicente Llamas facilitated the development of a Partnership proposal that was sent to NASA headquarters and to the National Association of State Math and Science Coalitions. NASA is excited about the proposal and will provide further consideration when funding becomes available. NASA is in the process of a major reorganization.

6. Linkages with the Albuquerque Public Schools Math, Science and Technology Partnership (APS-MSTP)

Jack Jekowsky presented a summary of recent reports on the web about criteria for incoming freshman. The Web address is: <http://www.S4S.org/>

West Mesa is the second cluster, after Sandia to join the APS-MSTP. West mesa is "going like gangbusters."

7. State Education Partners update

Kurt Steinhaus and Rick Scott attended a meeting of the Education Partners to submit a brochure about our mission and to request that the NMPMSE become a member. The request was accepted and the NMPMSE is a formal member of the Education Partners group.

8. Update - Statewide proposal to the National Science Foundation Comprehensive Math Science Partnership program.

Rick Scott is waiting to hear from NSF about results of the review process. We expect to hear no later than July 2003.

9. Next meeting of the NMPMSE.

The next Partnership meeting will be scheduled during summer 2003. Information about the date, time and location will be sent via email

The meeting concluded with the introduction of Erick's twin boys.