

NEW MEXICO PARTNERSHIP FOR MATH AND SCIENCE EDUCATION MINUTES

DATE: October 19, 6-9PM

PLACE: 1418 El Portal NW, Los Ranchos de Albuquerque

Participating: Patsy Alvarado, Pleddie Baker, H. Prentice Baptiste, Susan Brown, Sheila Cassidy, Fernando Castro, Cindy Chapman, Laura Crossey, Michele Diel, Terry Dunbar, Doug Earick, Claire Fenton, Michael Garcia, John Glaser, Carmen Gonzales, Pat Hess, Barbara Kimbell, Rick Kitchen, Vicente Llamas, Clo Mingo, Carol Mitchell, Tish Morris, Mary Neikirk, Richard Nygren, Matt Nyman, Burris Rockford, Kitty Salinas, Rick Scott, Lisa Snow, Kurt Steinhaus, Karin Wiburg

I. NASSMC Report: The Partnership has received a \$7,000 grant from NASA through NASSMC to support our Linking Leaders project. Some of the money has been used to fund the report on the *District Professional Development Plans* by Minnick and Associates, and to help fund the Professional Development Summit (a copy of that report is available at <http://reta.nmsu.edu/profdev>. The Annual NASSMC meeting will be held February 9-11 in Maryland. Anyone interested in attending should contact Rick Scott at pscott@nmsu.edu.

II. Professional Development Summit Report: The first New Mexico Professional Development Summit was held in September with leadership from the Partnership and its Linking Leaders project. The Keynote Address by Joellen Killion of the National Staff Development Council (NSDC) got the Summit off to a very good start. The slides from her presentation are available at <http://reta.nmsu.edu/profdev>, as is a draft list of Professional Development Providers . You are encouraged to send pscott@nmsu.edu updates to the list. The lead in future planning of Professional Development Summits has been turned over to New Mexico Staff Development Council (NMSDC).

III. Coalition for Science & Math Education (CESE): Cindy Chapman reported that CESE founder Marshall Berman and Dave Thomas have received the prestigious Friends of Darwin award.

IV. Northern NM Council for Excellence in Education: Kurt Steinhaus introduced Carol Brown and Patricia Alvarado who are the Master Teachers for the Northern New Mexico Math & Science Academy. They communicated their enthusiasm for their intensive work with math and science teachers at Chama, Mora and Española Middle Schools.

V. Collaboration with the RETA program - Carmen Gonzales discussed the situation that projects face as they try to put advisory boards together from the same pool of individuals. Her suggestion that the Board of Directors of the Partnership become the advisory Board for the RETA project and perhaps other projects lead to the formation of a group (Mary Neikirk, Claire Fenton and Michelle Diel) to seek nominations for a new Board of Directors for the Partnership.

VI. Las Lunas Career Academy - Claire Fenton, Provost of the new Las Cruces Career Academy, reported that she is developing curriculum for the four year program and that ground breaking for a facility will begin soon near the UNM-Valencia campus.

VII. State Board of Education request concerning data related to

A. Requiring Algebra for High School Graduation

B. Requiring 3 rather than 2 units of Science for High School Graduation

The discussion revolved around the difficulty in getting the data about how many students actually take Algebra or more than 2 years of science. Carol Mitchell, visiting from the U of Nebraska-Omaha, indicated that in Omaha course taking standards were successfully raised at the district level in response to teacher concern and planning, rather than state mandate.

VIII.. Announcements - Mary Neikirk introduced John Glaser, the new Science Consultant at the State Department of Education.

IX. Next meeting time and place: Friday, December 8, 2000 from 1-4PM at 1418 El Portal, Los Ranchos de Albuquerque.