

Consortium Minutes

October 30, 2003

Welcome by: Tom Walker welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Jerry Christensen also welcomed everyone including **Chris Kupfer** from SEDC, **Tony Done** in San Juan and **Vicki Ahlstrom** from Panquitch via the polycom system. Jerry announced the fund raiser for December, telling people that we will be having a food drive again. He reminded anyone who wanted to have information in the Consortium folders to get it to Cheryl at the UPDC the week before Consortium to be included. He then did the folder browse-by.

Michael Herbert introduced the October issue of *The Utah Special Educator*. He mentioned the national exposure that the magazine is getting and he highlighted Jim Curtice's article, "Kimo's Rules."

USOE Leadership Report was facilitated by **Bruce Schroeder: Brenda Broadbent** is leaving the USOE and is going to Granite District. **Connie Nink** is the 619 (preschool) person and **Karen Kowalski** will be doing the compliance work. USOE will hire a new person to take over Karen's current duties. Bruce addressed the legislation for No Child Left Behind (NCLB) and how it impacts special education. **Nan Gray** discussed the Performance Plus program. She reported that the legislative board decided to take more time to gather stakeholder input before making a final decision. A meeting summary is available online at www.usoe.k12.ut.us/board/summary/default.htm

Presentation: Dave Adamson, Park City Superintendent. "Leadership in Tough Times – Increasing Our Effectiveness Despite Lurking Moguls on the Ski Slopes" Tough times?...what tough times? There are many issues that require increased awareness. How do we respond? WE GET TO CHOOSE! He discussed nine methods to help make those choices: 1) Focus on kids (it binds us together and is the reason we should be there). 2) Stay present and visible, listen more/not less. 3) Seek out and involve diverse stakeholders. 4) Describe first what's been done...then what's next. 5) Plan for progress in increments. 6) Develop structured lines of communication. 7) Collect rumors, and collect stories (know what is being said out there so you will know what needs to be said). 8) Celebrate more (recognize and appreciate progress). 9) Keep the vision alive (structure of meaning; measure progress). Like leadership in all times, stay the course, value the people and be kind to yourself!

Presentation: Mark Riding "The Courage to Teach." Mark teaches at Midvale Elementary which is a school that is considered a "failing school." His Title I budget is more than most schools have for a total budget. Mark asked the question, "What is more important.....taking care of kids or taking care of the paper work required by law?" We should know the answer to that question. There is so much out there to help teachers teach, why do they not know the latest and best resources and materials available? Teachers must be there and spend more time observing each other and learning from each other in order to

be better teachers. Mark referred to the three tier model. Tier 1 – All Students (core instruction). Tier II – At-risk or struggling students (supplemental instruction). Tier III - Persistent difficulties (intensive intervention). Although each tier gets progressively smaller in most schools, in Mark's the three tiers are about equal. That means a large percentage of his students need supplemental instruction or intensive intervention. He quoted from the book, The Courage to Teach by Parker J. Palmer. We need good talk about good practices to get things happening to help students. The kids can learn. We need to be ready to teach them.

Suraj Syal and **Julie Mootz** presented the video "Focus Your Vision". Suraj urged everyone to choose your vision and ask yourself what your focus is on. Julie went over the key points of the video, which are: 1) Keep your vision focused; 2) Stop, look, and listen; 3) Hold on to the best, let the rest fall away; 4) Trust our intuition; 5) It's not trespassing to go beyond your own boundaries; 6) Make your vision big enough; and 7) Do you have juice in your camera?

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

Those in attendance:

DiAnne Adams
Vicki Ahlstrom (P)
Gail Albrecht
Richard Albrecht (P)
Kirk Allen
Jill Allgaier
Joyce Barnes
Pat Beckman
Catherine Benitz
Glaucia Brown
Michael Browning
Wendy Carver
Dawnne Casey
Jerry Christensen
Cheralyn Creer
Tony Done (P)
Ginny Eggen
Bruce Farrer
Pat Frandsen
Monica Ferguson
Darla Fowers
Peggy Fratto
Kathy French
Cindy Grace
Jane Golightly
Nan Gray

Patti Hanning
Jacki Harris
Michael Herbert
Cheryl Hunt
Diane Johnson
Karen Kowalski
Chris Kupfer (P)
Lorna Larsen
Anna LeFevre
Marilyn Likins
Susan Loving
David Makin
Patricia Matthews
Jack Mayhew
Karen Medlin
Ronda Menlove
Ann Miller
Peggy Milligan
Julie Mootz
Dan Morgan
Mike Murray
Calvin Newbold
Sharon Neyme
Linda Nicholes
Connie Nink
Steve Noyce

Linda Otte
A. J. Pease
Hollie Pettersson
Doelene Pitt
Tony Powell
Mozelle Prestridge
Robin Rector
Tom Roush
Bruce Schroeder
Cheryl Smith
Amy Spencer
Ellen Stantus
Vonnie Steele
Nicole Suchey
Suraj Syal
Kathy Tatum
David Taylor
Vickie Todd
Tanya Toles
Beth Usui
Mary Vaughan
Tom Walker
Laraine Whitear
Karl Wilson

(P) Attendance via Polycom

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