

## Consortium Minutes

### September 16, 2005

Welcome by **Ted Kelly** - Ted welcomed everyone to Consortium and said he enjoyed being a member of the Consortium for all the years that he has been a part of it. He introduced the UPDC's new leader, Mark Riding.

**Mark Riding** – Mark introduced himself. He joined the UPDC in July 2005. He went through the staff district assignment and their specific areas. He said he wanted to look at Consortium the way we do UMTA. In the spirit of that, there were two articles in the folders about literacy: 10 Myths of Reading and Executive Summary. He explained the UPDC Core values. UPDC has three main goals this year: 1) core values, 2) work on USOE goals, and 3) evaluate what we are doing. He plugged the web event calendar for checking upcoming events.

**Tom Johnson** did “people and places” in a PowerPoint slide show.

**Michael Herbert** – talked about the SIOP conference coming up and the challenges that teachers face each day. The SIOP (Sheltered Instructional Observation Protocol) is a program that can make that difference. These are teacher behaviors that are observable, measurable and coachable.

**Dawn Kay**, Coordinator, Student Services and K-12 Comprehensive Guidance: “Bullying and Relational Aggression” – Bullying is the #1 problem 40% of the time (the highest percentage). There will be a two-day symposium on Nov 16-17 with Rosalind Wiseman and Marlon Cumming, as presenters. There are opening for 60 participants.

USOE Leadership Report: **Bruce Schroeder** – Bruce went over the grant opportunities to the districts. He also talked about “highly qualified teachers.”

**Debbie Ballard** (state chairman) and **AnnMarie Kallas** (CEC): Salt Lake City is the host city for the 2006 CEC National Conference, April 5-8, 2006. She needs 300 volunteers from the schools to help. If someone volunteers for 8 hours they will receive 40% off registration cost. (Phone 412-2526 or email [dballard.cdc@yahoo.com](mailto:dballard.cdc@yahoo.com) to contact Debbie.) Volunteer process will be online to register. They will need to register there first to get the discount for the conference. (UPDC web page) Opportunity to volunteer is open first to CEC member, then it will be open after that. AnnMarie went over the conference schedule and the speakers and workshops offered. There were 1300 conference proposals submitted. They accepted about 50% of these. Conference information will be on the CEC website.

**Michael Herbert** introduced the September issue of the *Utah Special Educator*. Each month it will highlight a school in the state. This month it highlighted Cottonwood Elementary, Granite School District. If you have a school that you think should be highlighted, please contact Michael at the UPDC. Michael thanked three people for this issue: **Karen Kowalski, Glenna Gallo, and Connie Nink**. Michael mentioned the upcoming issue topics and asked for contributions from the consortium for those issues. He also previewed how to use the UPDC webpage to get information from each of the issues that are online.

**Dan Morgan** announced the New Special Education Teachers Conference – Oct 14-15, 2005. Registration is available online at the UPDC webpage. (User name: new and the password is new.)

Presentation: “What We’ve Done and Where We’re Going” - **Mark Riding, Ginny Eggen, Amber Landward, Janet Gibbs and Kit Giddings** – USOE/UPDC Goal #1: Improving Student Literacy – to enable all students to become proficient in the area of literacy. Past activities: 1) reading survey of special education directors; 2) identify what other states are doing to successfully implement a 3 Tier Literacy model; 3) *Utah Special Educator* highlighting the five components of literacy; 4) Tier 3 trainings in language; 5) progress monitoring symposium (DIBELS and AimsWeb); 6) IPTI – instructional practices targeted interventions conferences; 7) literacy grants;

8) technical assistance document for special educators – reading (draft); 9) reading basics institutes; 10) tiered instruction conference June 2005, and 11) reading first academies. Planned literacy activities 2005-2006 - Conducted survey of consortium on the reading needs in each district. The data gleaned from the survey will be used to coordinate efforts for the coming year. **Janet Gibbs** discussed the technical assistance manual that all should have received in the past. They are going to change the title to “struggling readers.” They are working with Lynn Greenwood (regular education) and UPDC to coordinate efforts to update the manual. It will include intervention guides, templates of forms, example of different tiers with helps, an administrators section, glossary and anything they will deem that will be useful to teachers. “Literacy Assessment” booklet is available on USOE webpage. This is a K-12 program, not just a K-3. They are hoping to get this out by January or earlier. They plan to collaborate with General Education to improve student outcomes for struggling readers. They are trying to get collaboration on the web event calendar for all trainings. Tiered Instruction Conference will be June 12-14, 2005 at the Provo Marriott. There are also literacy grants available for 2005/2006. A new item: select model sites for tiered instruction: 2 elementary and 1 secondary schools. \$10,000 available for each school and needs to be a site where others may come to observe (need to already be using tiered instruction; and needs to be a model site for at least one year.) **Amber Landward** – Reading Basics Institutes level 1 and level 2 – level 2 will be building on what they learned last year. Innovations in Education Conference, Lansing, Michigan – a conference on RtI. (8 people from Utah are going this year to this invitation only conference.) And the November *Utah Special Educator* is a monograph on literacy. UPDC has been involved in DIBELS training. Monte Vista in Jordan has offered to let anyone come and see their program in progress in DIBELS. Jump Start Teacher Training, held in August, provided help for new teachers. **Kit Giddings** – UPDC Help Desk – there are many issues and needs for teachers in this high tech world. So, the UPDC is in the preliminary stages of setting up a help desk where teachers can help each other. There may be blogs and podcasts and other means of getting information and help out to the teachers. Online training courses would be available and various other trainings. The goal is to have this up and running in the next six months. Any suggestions for this site are welcome to help us make it valuable for the teachers of the state.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.

Those in attendance:

Dianne Adams  
 Vicki Ahlstrom  
 Gail Albrecht  
 Richard Albrecht  
 Kirk Allen  
 Carol Anderson  
 Morgan Anderson  
 Marci Belnap  
 Catherine Benitz  
 Brenda Broadbent  
 Kathryn Broughton  
 Tom Burchett  
 Wendy Carver  
 Dawnne Casey  
 Greg Chappen  
 Cheri Cornaby  
 Susan Cowan  
 Jon Crawford  
 Harriet Dickerson  
 Tony Done  
 Shannon Dulaney  
 Sally Dyches  
 Ginny Eggen  
 Darla Fowers  
 Pat Frandsen  
 Glenna Gallo  
 Gordon Gibb  
 Janet Gibbs

Jennie Gibson  
 Kit Giddings  
 Nancy Glomb  
 Lynda Golding  
 Jane Golightly  
 Barbara Graves  
 Nan Gray  
 Jackie Harris  
 Cheryl Hunt  
 Sheri Jepperson  
 J Lynn Jones  
 Nancy Jones  
 Paula Kashiwaeda  
 Dawn Kay  
 Taryn Kay  
 Ted Kelly  
 Karen Kowalski  
 Julie Landeen  
 Amber Landward  
 Lorna Larsen  
 Anna Lefevre  
 Marilyn Likins  
 Patricia Matthews  
 Kathryn Mccarrie  
 Ann Miller  
 Peggy Milligan  
 Terri Mitchell  
 Julie Mootz

Dan Morgan  
 Tamra Morgan  
 Elaine Mullins  
 Mike Murray  
 Tom Nedreberg  
 Calvin Newbold  
 Connie Nink  
 Deanna Nyman  
 Linda Otte  
 Hollie Pettersson  
 Mark Riding  
 Amy Roan  
 Zena Robinson  
 Bruce Schroeder  
 Cheryl Smith  
 Amy Spencer  
 Ellen Stantus  
 Suraj Syal  
 Jocelyn Taylor  
 Jerry Timothy  
 Beth Usui  
 Tom Van Gorder  
 Mary Vaughan  
 Jan Whimpey  
 Laraine Whitear  
 Marilyn Williams  
 Karl Wilson