

## **Consortium Minutes & Summary September 15, 2000**

Ted Kelly welcomed the group to the first consortium of the year

Jerry Christensen introduced the new special education directors and guests: Annette Greenburg (Grand), Steve Lambertson (Millard), Cheryl Hunt (Wayne), Pat Matthews, U of U, Nichol Sutche, U of U. As a result of the survey last year, it was determined that the updates were too long. In place of updates, Jerry did a "browse-by" through the folder. Announcements, information, etc were included in the folder.

Sharon Neyme and Monica Ferguson introduced the information for the next Consortium which is a SIG Forum on personnel preparation. They showed the ads for Utah that are currently running in national education magazines.

Karen Jackman, Utah Academy of Teachers presented information on how to make teachers more effective. The best thing to do to help children have an effective education experience is to have well-qualified teachers. This academy was started last year. This is a grant funded, seven week program. It is hoped that there is a paradigm change after seven weeks of training. Special education teachers will be a part this program. Emphasis is on the core curriculum and curriculum strategies. Second term begins in January and one should be available in the summer. Contact Rebecca Anderson at the state office if you want to be included in the program (538-7575).

**What's Red Hot and What's Not in Technology:** Ted Kelly, Kim and Debbie Hepworth.

Technology is more than equipment. Technology needs to have purpose and is powerful when we call it information. The amount of information available to us is unbelievable. How do you use the web to get the info you need? As educators you have to learn these techniques to share with students. You can save time by using information on the web instead of creating this information from scratch. The Provo team demonstrated this technology.

**Birthday Blow-Out Bash** to introduce the new look for the Utah Special Educator by the ULRC staff.

**Special Presentation:** Scott Whipple, Granite Education Foundation – "Bring Your Heart to Work"

Do you enjoy your work? That is important. You need to take care of yourself. Stress effects our immune system for one day. Laughter helps to reduce stress and laughter and positive experiences effects your immune system for the second and third day.

There are little things that will help us “bring our hearts to work”. We need to ask ourselves what really is important to us in our work? What do you give your time and attention to? These things should be the same.

There are two things that may help us:

First, we all need to feel appreciated. With a little appreciation and support, productivity greatly improves. Appreciation causes our human behavior to improve. The way to develop the best in a person is by appreciation and encouragement.

If we forget to bring our heart to work, we will not have any fun. You need to carve out time to make this happen. The most important 10 minutes of your day is the time you spend showing appreciation (a note) to those who work for you. “Brains and hearts go where they are appreciated.” (McNamara). Practice the art of appreciation—let others know that they touched your life and how. Set a goal to spend that 10 minutes a day to show appreciation.

Second—Love. Show that you love and care for others. When love enters the heart, expect a miracle. The capacity to care and love gives life it’s meaning.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

Those in attendance:

DiAnne Adams	Cheryl Hostetter	Lowell Oswald
Vicki Ahlstrom	Cheryl Hunt	Linda Otte
Morgan Anderson	Peter Ingle	Helen Post
Joyce Barnes	Nancy Jones	Robin Rector
Pat Beckman	Paula Kashiwaeda	Colleen Riley
Dixie Betenson	Ted Kelly	Valerie Scherbinske
Duane Bresee	Tracy Knickerbocker	Cheryl Smith
Brenda Broadbent	Karen Kowalski	Val Smith
Dawnne Casey	Steve Lambertsen	Deb Spark
Jerry Christensen	Anna LeFevre	Ellen Stantus
Susan Cowan	Patricia Matthews	Vonnie Steele
Jim Curtice	ack Mayhew	Dave Stevens
Harriett Dickerson	Frankie McCandless	Tracy Stewart
Tony Done	Tim McConnell	Nichole Suckey
Monica Ferguson	Camille McQuivey	Kathy Tatum
Barbara Graves	Karen Medlin	Mae Taylor
Nan Gray	Ronda Menlove	Jocelyn Taylor
Annette Greenberg	Davalee Miller	Peter Titze
Allen Gurney	Ann Miller	Vickie Todd
Anna Lee Hansen	Peggy Milligan	Mary Vaughan
Carol Harrington	Dan Morgan	Tom Walker
Michael Herbert	Mike Murray	Rex Wilcox
Randy Honaker	Sharon Neyme	Richard Young

Minutes taken by Cheryl Smith, ULRC