

Consortium Minutes September 21, 2001

Welcome: **Bruce Schroeder** welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year. **Ted Kelly** was back in Washington on Sept 11 and took a few minutes to express some thoughts on the tragic events of that day.

Jerry Christensen welcomed everyone also. He introduced those who are new: **Ginny Eggen** at the UPDC, **Dr. Maryann Prater** at BYU, **Kate Bell** and **Becky Cramer** from SSU; **Marilyn Larsen** from Murray; **Kit Giddings** from U of U; **Jan Whimpey** from Ogden; **Jane Golightly** from Wasatch., and **Janet Freston** from Box Elder.

Jerry did the folder browse by. **Cheryl Hostetter** introduced the first issue of the *Special Educator* for the year.

USOE Leadership report: **Mae Taylor** announced a public forum on Oct 10, Federal Office of Special Education (OSEP) will be holding a public forum. They want to know what is working and what is not, for reauthorization of IDEA, which is coming up for reauthorization again, There will be an additional meeting in the morning for special education directors (local) at 9:30 – 11:00 am (also for state office people and parent advocates.)

Nan Gray introduced **Pat Beckman** from Jordan district, who will be joining the USOE next month as the access to general curriculum specialist. She also passed out a letter announcing competency tests for meetings for focus group input. Nov 7 Statewide drop out conference at the Sandy Expo Center. Contact Patricia at 538-7137 for more information. Early literacy conference in Denver next week, Sept 24-25. **Bruce Schroeder** called attention to article in *Special Educator* about the realignment of the state office and the UPDC. He said that the USOE wants to use resources wisely and to look at student outcomes to see if we are using CSPD to accomplish those goals.

“School to School Transition Tool Kit” – Jacki Harris and Susan Loving
Their book is a compilation of information plus space to add your own ideas, taken from ideas from various districts. They urged everyone to use the ideas and adapt them to their needs.

“Participation of Students with Disabilities in Utah’s Statewide Assessment Programs” – by Deb Spark. Using the “access tornado” (found at www.usoe.k12.ut.us under SARS), Deb talked about the “considerations” needed to determine accommodations and modifications and the tests used to determine needs for each student. Part of her goal is for people to become assessment literate.

“Everyday Creativity” video presentation by the UPDC Staff –. The video is about Dewitt Jones who is a photographer for National Geographic. The video

brings out these key points: Creativity is matter of perspective. There's always more than one right answer. Re-frame problems into opportunities. Break the pattern. Train your technique. You've really got to care. And to sum up the video: Creativity is the ability to look at the ordinary and see the....extraordinary.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am

Thos in attendance:

Loraine Adams	Allen Gurney	MaryAnne Prater
Vicki Ahlstrom	Jacki Harris	Colleen Riley
Morgan Anderson	Steve Hirase	Lee Robinson
John Ballard	Randy Honaker	Tom Roush
Pat Beckman	Cheryl Hostetter	Valerie Scherbinske
Kate Bell	Cheryl Hunt	Bruce Schroeder
Brenda Broadbent	Nancy Jones	Kathy Shaw
Dawnne Casey	Paula Kashiwaeda	Val Smith
Jerry Christensen	Ted Kelly	Cheryl Smith
Susan Cowan	Lorna Larsen	Deb Spark
Peggy Cramer	Susan Loving	Nicole Suchey
Jon Crawford	Launa Macomber	Dave Taylor
Jim Curtice	Pat Matthews	Mae Taylor
Harriett Dickerson	Karen Medlin	Jocelyn Taylor
Tony Done	Ann Miller	Peter Titze
Sally Dyches	Peggy Milligan	Peter Titze
Ginny Eggen	Dan Morgan	Vickie Todd
Monica Ferguson	Mike Murray	Beth Usui
C.W. Freston	Calvin Newbold	Tom Van Gorder
Janet Freston	Sharon Neyme	Mary Vaughan
Kit Giddings	Deanna Nyman	Tom Walker
Jane Golightly	Linda Otte	Jan Whimpey
Barbara Graves	James Payant	Richard Young
Nan Gray	Helen Post	
Annette Greenberg	Antoine Powell	

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