

Curriculum Practioner's Task Force Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2009
Amway Grand Plaza, Grand Rapids

Present: Tim Barsch, Mary Hemmen, Lee McKenzie, Jo Pamment, Nancy Rotarius, Jane Rudisill, Bill Sherb, Carole Wells, Ben Williams.

Call to order: 8:50 a.m.

Housekeeping Items:

- A. The Minutes of the 1/30/09 meeting were approved as corrected. Motion made by Carole Wells, seconded by Lee Mc Kenzie.
- B. A sign up sheet for next years' task force was passed around.

Large Group Discussion:

- A. 2009 State Conference Presentations
 - 1. Christy and Nancy will be meeting soon to firm up the details on their extended session on partnerships. The group suggested that they contact MACAE, who recently hosted a workshop on partnerships for ideas.
 - 2. Susan Ledy has one of her staff, Kristen Ekkens, presenting on contextualized instruction within the workplace.
 - 3. Carole Wells suggested that the conference workshops be repeated at least once during the conference. This suggestion was shared with Patty Higgins.
 - 4. Tim Barsch talked about a room that will be set up to display prison education and how it is delivered. The workshop is one hour, but the room will be open all day. Tim and Lee will be the facilitators.
- B. Review of the HSC Survey
 - 1. Changes were suggested by Carole Wells and Jo Pamment, Nancy Rotarius will make these changes and send them to the group via email for review and approval..
- C. Michigan Merit Requirements
 - 1. Nancy Rotarius announced that she would be meeting with the Department of Education on April 9th to discuss the Michigan Merit Curriculum. Others were invited to join.
 - 2. Nancy asked for others to send questions in order to clarify with MDE.
 - 3. There was some discussion around whether the new high school rules will apply to adult education, high school completion. And how will it apply, i.e. art, etc. will adults have to meet these requirements? Also how does nursing curriculum meet the HSC? The question was raised if other states offer High School Completion to adults?
 - 4. Carole Wells stated that we need clarification and something in writing to the field from the state about High School Diplomas/Completion.
 - 5. Additional questions the group wanted to see addressed in the meeting with MDE were as follows: Are we required to follow the new curriculum?; How will contextualized classes fit with the Michigan Merit Curriculum? Can adult education

still give diplomas following the requirements when a participant was scheduled to graduate?

New Business:

A. Deliverables from the Curriculum Task Force 2008-2009

1. Nancy Rotarius provided the group a handout on deliverables of the task force for 2008-2009.
2. Changes and comments were made about the deliverables handout.
3. It was suggested that a poster about moodle and the content standards be hung at the computer banks at the conference. Nancy Rotarius offered to do this.
4. Jo made a motion to create content standards for the literacy separate from ABE, this motion was denied and put to vote, no one was in favor.
4. 4. Jo Pamment made a motion to accept the taskforce deliverables as corrected. Carole Wells seconded the motion.

B. Projects for the Curriculum Task Force 2009-2010

1. Five continuing items were identified for 2009-2010 task force. These were as follows: 1. Complete on going review of moodle board re: content standards. 2. Follow review schedule for content standards. 3. Participate in marketing subcommittee. 4. Revise Adult Learning Plan. 5. Develop an informal paper on the new High School Diploma requirements.
2. Plan topics/presenters for the august workshops: The following suggestions were made for topics: How to apply principles from ALWG, Contextualization, and Partnerships
3. Jo Pamment requested an official statement from DELEG about partnerships to share with potential partners.
4. Group discussed WIA grant and had some questions, Nancy Rotarius suggested that the group address these questions to Cliff Akujobi.

C. Small Work Group Sessions

1. ESL-Shoring up Program Weak Areas: Carole and Jo stated that they will be meeting with the ESL advisory group to finalize workshop plans.
2. Adult Learning Plan: Jane Rudisill motioned to table ALP till next year, Carole Wells seconded. Motion carried.
3. Michigan Merit Curriculum: Group discussed questions to be addressed at meeting with MDE and members of this subcommittee were invited to the meeting.

Adjourned:

A motion was made by Carole, seconded by Jane Rudisill to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried to adjourn at 1:30 p.m.