

**STC State Partners Meeting
May 2, 2000
MDE Room 143**

Members Present:

Debbie Duncan
Johnny Franklin (MS Public Ed Forum Rep.)
Obra Hackett
Joe Haynes
Dexter Holloway (SCBJC Rep.)
William McHenry
Kelly Riley
Suzanne Ulmer

Members Absent:

George Walker – State Workforce Development Council
Blake Wilson - Mississippi Economic Council

Others Present:

Amani Bailey
Jeannine Drake
Karen Gates
Dennis Watts
Fred Westcott

I. Minutes of April Meeting

Suzanne suggested that in addition to listing state partners present, that we list the members absent on the minutes. Everyone concurred.

Kelly Riley made motion to adopt the minutes from April 4 meeting and Obra Hackett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

II. Follow-up on Action Items from April 26 Planning Meeting

Suzanne Ulmer asked IHL to add STC staff to IHL mailings and email listing.

- Vocational Conference report
Suzanne Ulmer gave report that the conference is already planned.
In addressing concerns about the collaboration between offices within the Department of Education, we are to hold standing monthly meetings with the people in Vocational Education and Academic Education to coordinate activities with each other.
- Ohio Service Program.... Suzanne not received yet
- MSU Service Internship --- William McHenry – Dennis Watts reported on the following to the group
 1. Ole Miss – Physics & Mathematics
 2. Kelly Riley suggested that IHL give the group a synopsis at the next meeting

III. Evaluation (Dennis Watts)

Dennis Watts displayed a presentation of an Evaluation Plan that will be on the STC web site. There is a hard copy of the presentation on file in the STC office.

- Questions are to be answered “yes” or “no”. If all questions are not answered, the computer will inform that all questions are not answered.
- Use three categories instead of two
 - Elementary
 - Middle School
 - High School
- Dennis Watts set up the evaluation for the following “money” year
- Discussion on “certificate” programs that are available
- Critiqued many questions with ideas of how to request additional information

- Kelly Riley suggested a time frame of filling out the questionnaire or number pages so they will know about how long it will take to complete.
- Suzanne Ulmer suggested that we make known to the partnerships that they need to keep a copy of this survey on hand for use to help with their partnership.
- Joe Haynes said this evaluation would be two fold: other than for the original purpose, the partnerships can recognize that there are things they can do better.
- Kelly Riley suggested that all members look at the hard copy and use the email copy Dennis Watts sent to make suggestions and send back to him.
- Kelly Riley asked if through this survey are we going to have criteria data to help improve partnerships.
- Suzanne Ulmer stated that this instrument is for our evaluation and was not intended to be their evaluation plan. They have their own evaluation piece.... We are responsible to evaluate the partnerships on a statewide level.
- Base-line period – Kelly Riley inquired as to if IHL had considered a base-line period. Suzanne Ulmer suggested that we wait until after this school year ends before we start collecting data.
- Suzanne Ulmer and Dennis Watts are to take a test drive of the evaluation by the next meeting...Dennis said the Cirlot Agency will need to be a part of the interaction. (June agenda item)

IV. Continuation Application for Local Partners

- Suzanne Ulmer follow-up...end of year piece for continuation of funding
- Discussed the right hand side changes suggested at last meeting
- William McHenry suggested that Dennis Watts and Amani Bailey go over the plan. Suzanne Ulmer asked them to fax any suggestions for changes back to her on Wednesday, May 3...by close of business.
- Several parts were not discussed.
 - 1) Second part that they have evidence of a system in place...to have a partnership
 - 2) Provide a detailed work plan outlining when they plan to do what ... timeframes
 - 3) A budget
- Suzanne Ulmer said the item must go before the state council for approval.
- Obra Hackett asked about ranking items.
- Johnny Franklin suggested this be a “self-study” and use this to go into the partnership with technical assistance.
- William McHenry suggested to take out “on target” section and add “achieved” section...leaving “priority” and “needs assistance”
- Debbie Duncan suggested we take out “on target” and put “in progress” and “achieved”.
- The weight process point system. Need to decide on what the scale and the cut off scale should be.
- Had to average a 13 on the initial funding process.
- William McHenry asked if we could put back in the original point system -- with the use of it being different. Scale of 1 – 20 rating.... Scale of 1 – 10 rating, etc. Everyone liked the idea....Then come up with a figure for the cut-off point.
- The work plan for the next three months should be detailed. Judge refunding based on what they have accomplished with what they said they would do.
- William McHenry suggested we incorporate part 6 into part one.

V. 2001 State Meeting (SKIPPED because of lack of time)

VI. State Director’s Update – Suzanne Ulmer

- Key contact information changes
- Continuation process to be put on the agenda of the State Workforce meeting for May
- State Board of Education meets May 18 & 19
- 29 partnerships to get about 32,000
- Fall 2000 - all 50 partnerships to get about \$80,000
- ETV invited Suzanne to talk about STC
- GHJSD overview summary
- Data & Communications Forum - Handout
- Celebration at Moss Point
- Minutes of April 26th meeting to be looked at next meeting

- Arranged for upcoming TA sessions
- Karen Gates planning on visiting Tennessee and Louisiana

VII. Agenda Items for June 6, 2000 Meeting

- Follow-up of Dennis and Suzanne
- Dennis Evaluation plan
- Minutes
- Decide a July date for meeting (July 4 is 1st Tuesday)
- Email Kelly Riley of other items

OTHER:

- Dennis explained a handout regarding student focus groups
- Meeting with Cirlot Agency at IHL Wednesday at 9:00 in room 104