

COSMOS COLLABORATIVE COUNCIL
February 6, 2008 ~ 3:00-4:30pm Room 246 Math Science Bldg.
Minutes

ATTENDANCE:

Jessica Belcher, COSMOS

Mary Brennan Krueger, Wood County ESC

Jennifer Kogut, Sylvania Schools

Susan McMillan, Toledo Public Schools

Michelle Leow Klinger, COSMOS

Joe Morgan, Luckey Schools

Jodi Haney, COSMOS

Rose Kandik, Lucas County ESC, Springfield Schools

Amy Scheuermann, BGSU/Intervention Svcs

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Michelle Klinger called the meeting to order and asked attendees to introduce themselves.
- B. COSMOS Website and PD Calendar
 1. Districts may use the COSMOS calendar to upload information about upcoming PD opportunities in their districts. The link to the interactive calendar was demonstrated to the group: <http://cosmos.bgsu.edu/events/>. Events may be submitted by clicking "Submit Event" on the Master Calendar. It will take a few hours for your event to be approved and appear on the site.
 2. Teachers and district personnel are encouraged to visit the site often to post announcements and learn about educational opportunities happening across the region. NWO/COSMOS Summer Opportunities are now also available on the website.
- C. The next Inquiry Series meeting will be Thursday, February 21, 5:00-8:00 at Owens Community College. Michelle Shafer and Rosemary Irons will be the featured speakers that evening. The event is free. Teachers and administrators should register at <http://cosmos.bgsu.edu/events>.
- D. Praxis II Preparation Workshops are open to all teachers wanting to take Praxis II.
 1. Middle Math on Saturday, February 23, 8:00am-12:00pm
 2. AYA Math on Saturday, February 23, 12:30-6pm
 3. AYA Life Sciences on Sunday, February 24, 12:30-5:00pm
- E. The Future Teacher Conference will be held this year at University of Findlay. Registration is \$10 and includes lunch and certificate of completion. High school Future Teachers students are encouraged to attend this one-day conference that includes lessons and resources for the classroom. Flyers will be distributed to schools at the end of February. Registration (available March 1) and additional information can be found at: <http://cosmos.bgsu.edu/nwoFutureTeachersConf/>.
- F. New time: The next meeting of the COSMOS Collaborative Council will be Monday, March 3, at 8:00am.
- G. BP A+ for Energy Grant RFPs are now online at: aplusforenergy.com. Teachers in Lucas and Wood counties may apply for \$5,000 and \$10,000 energy grants for their classrooms. Workshops were held on Feb. 5 at Toledo Federation of Teachers and at BGSU on Feb. 7. Contact Mary Caprella (Mary.Caprella@bp.com) at BP for future workshops dates and times and more information.
- H. RIPE II: Research-based Inquiry Physics Experiences has been funded. To register, teachers may contact Tracy Huziak-Clark at 419-372-7363 or thuziak@bgsu.edu. For more information, go to: <http://cosmos.bgsu.edu/ripe/index.htm>.

- I. DREAMS and NWO TEAMS re-application grants are still to be submitted. Visit the <http://cosmos.bgsu.edu> for registration information and updates.
 1. The new focus for TEAMS Cohort III is *Science for All Students*, blending science and special education to assist both special education and inclusion teachers with inquiry science instruction.
- J. BGSU is submitting a proposal for an ODE Seed Grant (*Partners in Inquiry Resources and Research, pi r²*) this month. The grant will provide planning time and funding for a new professional development opportunity to begin in the fall of 2008. Teachers taking part in this program will receive free outreach programming for their classrooms through a number of organizations such as Toledo Zoo and Metroparks. Information will be available on the COSMOS website beginning in March.

WORKING ITEMS:

- A. New Principals Curriculum and Instruction Leadership Academy
 1. Jodi Haney led a brainstorming session with the council to discover the district needs and desires for this type of program.
 2. Ideas provided:
 - a) Make the academy available to principals, teacher leaders, and other administrative personnel
 - b) Provide continuing education or grad credit for license renewal
 - c) Help is needed with exposure to the language of different areas of the curriculum (science, language arts, special ed)
 - d) How to provide valuable feedback and listen for good questioning
 - e) Going beyond standards to reach into the community
 - f) Provide incentives through free outreach programming from community providers for participating districts
 - g) Use the last two weeks of June for the academy
- B. Ideas Made to Stick
 1. Jodi Haney delivered ideas from her presentation featuring the book *Made to Stick* by Heath and Heath, which included the six principles of success: Simple, Unexpected, Concrete, Credible, Emotional, and Stories. Districts and schools may consider using these principles to help get their message across to the community to generate support for levies and educational programming.

NEXT MEETING: **Monday, March 3, at 8:00am** (note the day and time change)