

COSMOS COLLABORATIVE COUNCIL
December 5, 2007 ~ 3:00-4:30pm Room 246 Math Science Bldg.
Minutes

ATTENDANCE:

Jessica Belcher, COSMOS
John Crecelius, Perrysburg Schools
Scott Hoff, Putnam County ESC
Rose Kandik, LCESC-Springfield Local
Gary Keller, Bowling Green City Schools
Michelle Leow-Klinger, COSI Toledo

Ron Rogers, SST Region 1
Amy Scheuermann, BGSU-Intervention Services
Michelle Shafer, COSMOS
Jason Smith, Wood County ESC
Lindsey Wilbarger, COSMOS

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Michelle Shafer called the meeting to order and, as there were some new faces in the group, everyone introduced themselves.
- B. Bruce Bradley, Lorain Co ESC, could not make this meeting. He is looking for alternative ways to fund Project Lead the Way (project partnering high schools with higher ed to prep students for Engineering degrees). If anyone has ideas and/or is interested in finding out more, Bruce's contact information is Bradley@esclc.org
- C. Michelle Leow-Klinger gave update on the status of COSI-Toledo. Contrary to any reports circulating, the COSI-Toledo staff is preparing for a firm Dec 31 shutdown. The CCC expressed deep regret at the loss of this educational center in the region.
- D. Upcoming events: a reminder that the next Inquiry Series is December 6, 2007, at Owens Community College. Approx 200 local teachers attend this event each month.
- E. Jessica Belcher informed the group of upcoming summer opportunities. In January, attendees will receive summer dates, times, and descriptions for all PD offerings through the Center.
- F. Moving the meeting time to early morning was discussed. The group did not have a strong opinion as to whether the time should be moved or remain the same. It was discussed that the time may be moved once in the spring to see if it is convenient for more participants.
- G. NWO/COSMOS will have a booth at the annual Science Educators Council of Ohio conference. COSMOS is able to pay for registration fees (and perhaps travel) for educators who are interested in volunteering some time at the booth during one of the conference days. Attendees were encouraged to contact teachers whom they work with who may not be able to go to this conference due to financial constraints in the districts.
- H. The K-12 Larabee Grants to Teachers program was explained to participants: <http://cosmos.bgsu.edu/grants/-larabee>. Grants for up to \$2000 due Jan 15, 2008. A+ for Energy grants from BP should be posted soon.

WORKING ITEMS:

- A. Curriculum Topic Study background and resources
 - a. Curriculum Topic Study Resource CDs were distributed to council members.
 - b. A brief overview of CTS provided the framework for discussing the resources provided on the CD. Michelle Shafer can send an electronic copy of the CTS overview PowerPoint upon request.
 - c. A few exemplar CTS sets are on the CD (both math and science).
 - d. Purchase of all materials for a district would be around \$200.
 - e. Learn more about CTS by visiting the website: <http://www.curriculumtopicstudy.org>

B. Using CTS with teachers

- a. Curriculum Topic Study was discussed as a prerequisite activity to writing short cycle assessments and/or working on SA/ER question development, especially for teachers who have little content knowledge in science and/or math.
- b. Other ways to utilize CTS with staff were discussed, including PD with an individual teacher, a grade level group, or an entire staff.
- c. COSMOS staff may be able to host a 'train the trainer' session to bring CTS into regional districts.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30. Everyone is welcome back in the new year.....January 9, 2008.

Happy Holidays!