



FAUS & COE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Monday, January 25, 2010

3:00-4:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: Julie Hector, John Hardman, Nancy Brown, Lydia Bartram, Brenda Cummings, Tammy Bresnahan, Lorraine Cross, Debbie Snyder (by telephone), Cindy Harrison (by telephone)

Absent: Ira Bogotch, Glenn Thomas

Minutes from December 7, 2009 meeting were approved by unanimous decision

Lab School Reports:

- 1) **Palm Pointe:** Debbie Snyder reported that faculty are moving ahead with District supported research. Dr. Watlington and Dr. Brady are also scheduled to visit and will discuss research on ESE. They are doing research on student engagement and cooperative learning and using classroom walkthroughs as a data collection source. This technique is commonly used in the School District. They are also researching improvements in student gains by looking at benchmarks using internal assessments.
- 2) **Slattery:** Lydia Bartram reported that staff members are collaborating on an early literacy project with Henderson using a cross age reading model with four year olds and sixth graders. The principal investigator is Dr. Janet Towell and Lydia Bartram and Gina Sands are co-investigating on the project and assisting with weekly coordination of the reading projects. In addition, a new research study from the Psychology Department will be starting at Slattery in February. This study will investigate play in 3-5 year olds.
- 3) **Henderson:** Brenda Cummings reported that Dr. Jones is conducting a research study on 3rd – 5th graders using an extension activity on meditation. Tammy Breshnahan reported that three Kindergarten teachers are taking an ECE graduate course with Dr. Bhagwanji on Creative Arts. Two teachers are also taking the Action Research Course taught by Dr. Jim McLaughlin. Julie Hector reported that she will be going with Dr. McLaughlin to meet with the Henderson research team on February 18, 2010. There is discussion about having a blackboard site for the Henderson team to discuss research topics.

Discussion Items:

- 1) Discussion concerning a Blackboard site for lab schools continued based on the reporting by Julie Hector. Each lab school could have a separate site for their research teams to maintain documents and communicate internally. John Hardman suggested that one blackboard site be established for everyone including the research committee and all the lab schools. Lorraine added that we should look at the intent of needs for lab schools.
- 2) John reported on the Leadership Summit for Lab Schools, which is being considered for February 16, 2010 at Pine Jog. This is a central location for all the lab schools. Brenda and Lorraine recommended that Tammy Breshnahan attend the Leadership meeting. There was committee discussion regarding who should attend this forum. Lorraine Cross discussed with the committee that the lab schools need to show through data how we serve the education community on a state and national scale. She also emphasized the need for dissemination of this data. Tammy Breshnahan expressed that teachers need to be engaged to see the need for research and there are challenges within a very busy school environment. Julie Hector will be sending out a survey to all the lab schools for teachers to complete.
- 3) Graduate Student Research Day is scheduled for April 9, 2010 and will be hosted by Henderson. It will begin at 5 pm.
- 4) A Spring Research Mixer was discussed further. The committee explored format options including a showcase session. Dr. Nancy Brown recommended a media-oriented approach using video or drama to highlight research. The committee explored whether the focus should be teacher to teacher or teacher to university faculty. The decision was to table final decisions until February since the Leadership Summit was scheduled to take place.
- 5) John Hardman reported that the International Committee is holding an event on campus Saturday, April 17, 2010 from 9 am – 2:30 pm. This is on Multicultural and Global Education and Dr. James Bank will be a featured speaker.

Next Committee Meeting: February 22, 2010
 Melby Center
 3:00 pm