

FAUS & COE Research Committee Minutes

Monday, April 4, 2011

3:00 - 4:15 pm

Present: Steve Rios, Terri Watson, Julie Hector, Lydia Bartram, Trish Konopelko (telephone), Cindy Harrison (telephone), Kathleen Melrose (telephone), DiJion Jackson

Research Project List: Steve Rios presented the Spring 2011 report and asked for feedback or corrections. It was noted that in the "IRB Approved" column "St. Lucie County School District" needs to be changed to "Palm Pointe". The research project title, "Words Sorts with Support", needs to be removed. Also, a new section needs to be added to reflect what research studies are being conducted at specific lab school sites. Julie will email updated list to Trish DiBari by this Thursday.

Dissemination: Steve Rios will look into the status of the website for the research committee. Minutes from past meetings can be posted and hyperlinked to individual professor's sites. The information can be sent out in a newsletter to promote dissemination of research activities. TCUS Board meets on Friday, April 8, 2011 at 3 pm. Glenn is attending this meeting and Steve will speak to Glenn about getting dissemination on the agenda.

Research Request Process: Terri Watson reported on the research and development guidelines for lab schools. She is working with Elisa Goche from the IRB office so faculty has procedural guidelines when they want to conduct research studies at any of the lab schools. The question was raised regarding faculty at the FAU Treasure Coast location who might be interested in conducting IRB studies at Palm Pointe. The staff there would like more support from FAU. Steve Rios and Cindy Harrison will work on connecting with faculty at the Treasure Coast campus. Steve Rios suggested scheduling a trip to Palm Pointe in May to tour the school and meet with Palm Pointe research committee members. A tentative date of May 23, 2011 from 1-4 pm was scheduled but this will need to be confirmed.

Virtual Research Symposium: Steve Rios presented the idea of hosting a virtual research conference. Technology upgrades now allow us to have a research event where video conferencing can take place in real time at each location. Each group can make presentations on research studies. It would be powerful to use research that informs classroom practice. An evening date needs to be identified for May or June. Steve Rios and Trish DiBari will look at the schedule and format for this event.

School Reports:

Palm Pointe: Trish Konopelko reported that this Wednesday their district is hosting a webinar on

Professional Learning Communities. She also reported on using PD360, which are videos for different types of education, and are used to inform research. Steve Rios asked that she email the link so it could be further explored by the committee.

Slattery Center: Lydia Bartram reported on a new study with Dr. Marissa Greif that is scheduled to begin in the near future. This study will look at how young children learn about objects and how they think when they are solving problems.