



FAUS & COE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Monday, October 4, 2010

3:00-4:15 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: Julie Hector, John Hardman, Nancy Brown, Lydia Bartram, Glenn Thomas, Steve Rios, Lorraine Cross, Terry Watson, Debbie Snyder (by telephone), Cindy Harrison (by telephone), Kathleen Melrose (by telephone), Trish DiBari (by telephone), Kathleen Perez (by telephone), D'Jion Jacksom (by telephone)

Minutes from August 30, 2010 meeting were approved by unanimous decision. Steve Rios motioned for approval and Glenn Thomas seconded motion.

Review of By-Laws:

John Hardman circulated a copy of the by-laws to committee members for review. The committee discussed changes that should be considered for revision of the current by-laws. Steve Rios took feedback from the group and will work on formulation of new language.

Introduction of Co-chairs and Committee:

Steve Rios (Co-chair): He is serving as faculty advisor for the committee and wants to focus on dissemination during the upcoming year. Steve is also faculty advisor for the COE SAC Research Symposium scheduled for November 8, 2010 and sees this as dissemination opportunity for lab school research.

Cindy Harrison (Co-chair): She is serving as the lab school representative for the committee. Cindy is focusing on promotion of a number of research projects at Palm Pointe and plans to focus on music integration with reading for eighth graders.

Each committee member shared individual goals for the committee for the upcoming year. Common themes included dissemination, expanding research opportunities and having a bigger presence in general.

Committee Goals and Timelines:

- 1) Julie Hector will be in charge of newsletters, research reports and working with Glenn on the website.
- 2) Research Event/Mixer: a sub-committee was created- Terry Watson, Julie Hector will serve from the Boca group; Debbie Snyder will identify two people to serve from the Palm Pointe group.
- 3) Publications: a) research compilation needs to be posted on the website - Glenn will work on this with Julie Hector and Andres Leon b) The committee needs to look at gaps c) Steve Rios will meet with Cindy Harrison to discuss committee direction.

Lab School Reports:

- 1) **Henderson:** Brenda Cummings reported on current research activities. Dr. McLaughlin is continues to work with faculty on the K-9 CHAMPS research study. Other projects include research on language acquisition and student weight. There is currently a lot of research activity targeting middle school age groups.
- 2) **Slattery:** Lydia Bartram reported that the Budding Readers Literacy project in collaboration with Henderson is going well. Dr. Bjorklund's new study on afterlife beliefs in young children has started. Dr Greif's new study "Learning About Objects" will be starting soon as well. Slattery has been selected to pilot test the new State VPK assessment tool and has also been selected for a special pilot using the CLASS assessment protocol, which looks at teacher practice and relationship.
- 3) **Palm Pointe:** Cindy Harrison reported on a number of ongoing research studies at Palm Pointe. Projects include studies on intensive reading, music integration with reading. Cindy also reported that many teachers at Palm Pointe are now engaged in research projects and they have received tremendous support from John Hardman and Dr. Jim McLaughlin. New proposals are being submitted and reviewed for approval. Overall, Palm Pointe is serving as a community leader in action research.

College Report:

- 1) Steve Rios reported that the deadline for proposal submission for the SAC Research Symposium is October 18, 2010
- 2) Nancy Brown reported on professional development at the Slattery Center: focus on arts integration built on the teachers interests; provision of adult experiences and how to adapt elements with young children through appropriate classroom practice.

Next Committee Meeting: November 1, 2010
Melby Center
3:00 pm