

GSU Tripartite Meeting
February 8, 2008
Notes

Attending: Barbara Mallory, Olivia Edenfield, Eileen Bayens, Marlin Baker, Judi Repman, Caren Town, Pat Parsons, Dianne Bath, Stephanie Kenney

Introduction of Members and Guests- Welcomed Olivia Edenfield to the group.

Article Discussion – “My Friend Hector and My Achilles Heel” – Lively discussion with many perspectives about how our perceptions limit our horizons and relationships with others.

Equity Self Study (Revised Draft Handout) – Revisions to be made as recommended by the group to include a more specific demographic response. Bath will modify and send out to everyone. Olivia and Stephanie were meeting with Amy Heaston and would discuss with her if there was any approval procedures needed by the university to send out the survey.

Once the survey information is gathered, what would we realistically be able to do with it? This led us from a discussion about surveying everyone in the university, school system – both public and private, and community to starting with a smaller manageable survey set. This would include the university and schools who are involved with the NNER work and their communities. The Bulloch County Commission on Human Services has done a very comprehensive survey of the community which might be useful to us. Bath will be attending the BCCHS meeting and will ask about the survey results. The university and schools could use the NNER survey to focus on the equity issues perceived by their various constituencies. ***How we would use the survey results?*** University results could be shared with faculty and faculty could possibly use their own classroom teaching to expose students to more diverse equity issues. ***When would we like to administer the survey?*** Target month is April.

Local Initiatives of NNER

Moral Dimensions

Social and Political Democracy – Ed Leadership focused on this in their new program development

Access to Knowledge

Nurturing Pedagogy – Caren would like to share the new studio approach for her class at a future meeting.

Stewardship

Portal Partnership – Monday, February 11, Portal City Hall at 6:30 pm – anyone who would like to attend is welcome.

LODS – Kenney – National meeting held in January in Seattle. Stilson Elementary and Bulloch County Performance Learning Center are the two schools in our region. Eileen sent two teachers who came back with information to share with faculty. They are still seeking their way in the new initiative. At the IEI level there was a real excitement about the

group and their enthusiasm about the work they do. The Easter Region LODS meeting will be in May at Oxford of Ohio. There will be school representatives from New York, PA, Ohio, Kentucky and Georgia.

LTPS – Eileen attended. She shared Tom Bellany’s work “Teamwork for School Leadership Accomplishments”. School focus to grow partnerships ie university to support and collaborate with school. Leadership conference is in June, 2008. Eileen will invite Dr. Woodrum, Bulloch Assistant Superintendent, to attend. Pat Parsons will attend also.

iNet - Bath and Repman (Handout on 08 Events) – Reminded group about the online conferences for educators and students. Repman and Bath presented at Winter GAEL conference in Atlanta. One of the key note sessions was done by Tom Clark and Karen Mort from the UK.

AED Scholar – Kenney and Bath attended. This was the first meeting of the group and it is not clear what the purpose of the group will be. It may serve as the conscious of the NNER.

Hawaii Meeting – Repman – Attended conference in December. She was concerned that NNER was not mentioned at all. The highlight was hearing Howard Reingold.

Other Items – Caren Town is going to help establish the NNER journal and will attend an initial meeting in March.

During the discussion of the equity suvey, a discussion about our international teachers and students perceptions once they have been here might be. The tripartite team would like to have a roundtable conversation with them in May. Judi said she would arrange this.

Next Meeting: March 6 –Thursday – 9:00 am – Midtown Coffeehouse
April 3 – Thursday – 9:00 am –Midtown Coffeehouse
May 1 – Thursday – 9:00 am – Midtown Coffeehouse