

MINUTES OF THE SIG STEERING COMMITTEE
August 8, 2005

Meeting #7
Crowne Plaza
Madison, Wisconsin

Meeting facilitator: Deborah Bilzing.

1. ATTENDANCE

A. Steering Committee members:

Eileen Dagen, Stacy Grandt, Jane Grinde, Tom Heffron, Peggy Helm-Quest, Sue Wellnitz, Nissan Bar-Lev, Liz Lahm, Janis Serak, Linda Tuchman, Joanne Huston, Mary Skadah, Deborah Bilzing,

B. Absent Members:

Mark Dyar, Liam Goldrick, Laura Owens, Jenny Gilles, Tom Kratochwill, Stephanie Perla, Don Stevens, Patricia Vickman, Patricia Yahle, Grace King, Phil Knobel, and Jennifer Laveck

C. Guests: Dr. Frasier (SIG evaluator), Holly Kloiber (representing Mary Dicker)

2. MEETING MINUTES

- The meeting was called to order by welcoming steering committee members.
- Minutes from the May, 2005 meeting were reviewed and approved.
- Dot-Point Updates from the internal workgroup members were distributed to the steering committee members. Update on the SIG Celebration set for August 9, 2005 as well as updates from the Special Education Team concerning revision to the Department of Public Instruction's special education Continuous Improvement Focused Monitoring System (CIFM) and IDEA 2004.
- Update on the SIG Outcome Indicators- Dr. Jim Frasier provided committee members with a PowerPoint presentation on progress in meeting our 15 outcome indicators for SIG. (see attached)

- Joanne Huston brought up a concern about how DPI/Special Education data reports students with disabilities who are suspended. Her concern surrounded the goal to have disabled student's suspension rates equal those of their non-disabled peers. Feelings are that this might be seen as a disservice to SWD and their parents and is unrealistic in terms of children with behavioral disorders that cause aggressive and injurious behavior. Joanne also shared that the use of the term "suspension" is misleading especially if a student is removed for safety or educational reasons and not as punishment. The steering committee agreed and will continue to have a conversation around this area.
- Update on the SIG website. Nissan BarLev gave an update on the website and encouraged project facilitators to continue to send him updates to links, and other SIG products. Committee members were again asked to take some time to review our website; www.wisconsinsig.org, as there are many new items. Our site will only be as useful and informative as we make it.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- The committee had planned to form the 4 workgroups that came out of the "world café" discussion at the February steering committee meeting, however, the data that Jim provided encouraged much conversation so it was decided our next steps would be:
 1. Using technology, have steering committee members volunteer to be on one of the 4 workgroups:
 - a. Sharing Information and Making Connections Across the SIG
 - b. SIG Systemic Change Resource Mapping
 - c. P.R.-getting the message and work out into the field
 - d. Sustainability
 2. Develop a listserv of each of the 4 groups and have workgroup members connect to each other and share ideas using the listserv and phone conferencing
 3. Over the course of the next grant year, members of the workgroups would connect and design an action plan for their work.

4. Updates from the workgroups would be added to the steering committee agenda.
5. Here is the list of members that have volunteered so far on each of the workgroups. If your name is not listed in a workgroup please let me know which workgroup you would like to be a part of: (Due to some glitches here, I am not able to form the listserv for a couple of weeks, so stay tuned)
 - a. Sharing Info- Marcy Dicker, Jane Grinde Phil Knobel, Stacy Grandt
 - b. Resource mapping- Liz Lahm, Eileen Dagen, Tom Kratochwill
 - c. P.R.- Nissan Bar-Lev, Jennifer Laveck, Joanne Huston
 - d. Sustainability- Sue Wellnitz, Mark Dryer, Tom Heffron

4. Announcements/Adjournment

The next steering committee meeting is February 15, 2006 from 10:30-2 here in Madison. (I will let you know where when we firm this up) Look forward to having everyone in attendance and sharing updates from each of the workgroups

Action Plan/Agenda items for the next steering committee meeting include:

1. Updates
 - a. SIG projects
 - b. Indicators
 - c. Steering committee workgroup members
2. Next Steps for the 4 themes
3. Other...

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Deborah

Don't forget to sign up for a workgroup