

MINUTES OF THE SIG STEERING COMMITTEE
February 15, 2006

Meeting #8
Reference and Loan
Madison, Wisconsin

Meeting facilitator: Deborah Bilzing.

1. ATTENDANCE

A. Members Present:

Deborah Bilzing, Eileen Dagen, Tom Heffron, Peggy Helm-Quest, Cynthia Hirsch, Joanne Huston, Liz Lahm, Jennifer Laveck, Linda Maitrejean, Janis Serak, Linda Tuchman

B. Absent Members:

Evelyn Azbell, Nissan Bar-Lev, Cynthia Cain, Marcy Dicker, Mark Dyar, Jenny Gilles, Liam Goldrick, Stacy Grandt, Jane Grinde, Grace King, Phil Knobel, Tom Kratochwill, Laura Owens, Mary Skadah, Don Stevens, Patricia Vickman, Sue Wellnitz, Patricia Yahle

C. Guests: Dr. Frasier (SIG evaluator)

2. MEETING MINUTES

- o The meeting was called to order by welcoming steering committee members and brief updates.
- o Minutes from the August, 2005 meeting were reviewed and approved.
- o Dot-Point Updates from the internal workgroup members were distributed to the steering committee members.
- o Updates from Deborah concerning redesign of the State Improvement Plan (SIP) to the State Performance Plan (SPP) and connections to the Continuous Improvement Focused Monitoring System (CIFM) and IDEA 2004.
 - o Impact of all of the above on the current focus of State Improvement Grants (SIG) to becoming the State Personnel Development Grants (SPDG) and this impact on the “end of the year performance” evaluation of SIG (SPDG). The result is the focus of these grants away from systems change and student outcomes to personnel development, recruitment and retention.

- Update on the internal SIG work with the Matrix. Internally we have been working to design a matrix that would provide all of us with information about what is going on throughout Wisconsin's school districts, counties, and regions...that have a connection to SIG initiatives.
- No news on our grant application for a "general enhancement grant" to SIG
- Celebration of Wisconsin's SPP as being identified as one of the top three in the nation!!!
- Update of SIG project Evaluation-
 - Dr. Jim Frasier provided committee members with a brief description (handout) of implications for reporting personnel development activities from SIG grantees. Steering committee members posed questions about listing of "scientific" and panel to approve of activities. More on this topic will be forthcoming. How will SIG address this?
- Update on the SIG website-
 - Deborah gave an update on Nissan's behalf describing the revision of the SIG website to become a valuable resource site for districts, parents, and other stakeholders in helping "all of us" meet the 20 indicators of our state SPP, the districts identified in our CIFM process and improvement of special education programming. Soon, SIG grantees will be asked to provide a listing of Professional Development, Technical Assistance, Dissemination of best practice and Collaboration activities they are involved in that provide support to our SPP/SIG/CIFM and requirements found within IDEA2004 as well as New Wisconsin Promise and NCLB. SIG website address: www.wisconsinsig.org,
- Lively discussion of Professional Development and Scientific and Evidence Based Professional Development and Practices...more on this topic to come.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- For the remainder of the meeting the 4 workgroups got together to look at the mission of the different listserv workgroups and next steps.

- Steering committee members decided that they would have online chats and bring information back to the **next steering committee meeting in May that would outline next steps for each of their groups.**
- Once we share this information the steering committee would begin to address these action steps
- The four workgroups are”
 1. Sharing Information and Making Connections Across the SIG
 2. SIG Systemic Change Resource Mapping
 3. P.R.-getting the message and work out into the field
 4. Sustainability

- Updates from the workgroups would be added to the steering committee agenda.

4. Announcements/Adjournment

The next steering committee meeting is May 19, 2006 from 10:30-3, Room 227 in the GEF 3 building in downtown Madison. 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- SIG projects
2. Action Plans developed by the 4 listservs workgroups
3. Other...

Meeting adjourned at 2:15pm.