

RESP Director's Report

Amy Axtman, February 2012

Please share this RESP report with your school board members.

January In-service

I want to send out a big THANK YOU to all of you who attended the DSU Winter In-service on January 16. I was excited to see the Saxon Math Workshop filled with 36 participants.

Saxon Math participants listed usage of the core standards in the curriculum as the most significant thing learned. Some of the teachers I spoke with asked if we could arrange another session with more hands-on lessons for Saxon Math. Please contact me if your district would be interested in additional training so we can collaborate with other RESP districts.

Showcase for Ideas Exchange

The time is **NOW** to register for the Showcase of Ideas Exchange for content areas. RESP and the DSU Math and Science Partnership Grant will again be collaborating to sponsor the Winter Showcase for Ideas Exchange. Sessions are being held for Music, Library & Media, Language Arts, Physical Education, Business and Agriculture Educators.

Sandy Bertelsen will facilitate the day which will be dedicated to the discussion of standards-based instruction and assessment, with a portion focusing on the sharing of instructional strategies and resources. Workplace professionals will share examples of workplace applications of mathematics, giving teachers ideas to share in their classrooms. Each teacher attending will receive FREE instructional resources along with networking information to other teachers in their content area. Registration is available on the RESP website at www.resp-k12-education.org

Succeed 2020 Grant

The Succeed 2020 Grant Development Team attended a Grant Development Workshop on January 24 and 25 in Bismarck. Informational presentations furnished additional guidance for the grant application process and the RESP Team was joined by our FHI 360 liaisons Maud Abeel and Ben Dworken from New York. We were also honored to have Paula Luff, Director of Corporate Social Responsibility for the Hess Corporation, join in our discussion.

A follow-up meeting for the Succeed 2020 Development Team will be held on February 1 to focus our work and plan for data support and budgeting. The Succeed 2020 Planning Committee is being developed to assist in designing the grant programs so they can serve all of our districts. Invitations for participants from each district will be sent out very soon.

Your district will be receiving requests for data and assistance in conducting surveys over the next two weeks. It is crucial that every RESP district join together to build the strongest possible grant application. Please contact Amy Axtman at 483-0999 or Bill Gion at 563-4416 if you have any questions on the Succeed 2020 project.

STEM Professional Learning Pilot Program

RESP is piloting a Promethean Board Work Session for educators. This professional learning opportunity will assist in the implementation of technology in the classroom by enriching the skills of educators in the use of Promethean Boards. Educators will work on enhancing a current lesson plan by using the Promethean Board to apply new resources and additional instructional strategies.

Sessions will consist of 2.5 hours of face-to-face instruction at the RESP training lab and class size is limited to 10 participants. A charge of \$25 per session will be assessed to cover the cost of materials and supplies. Please contact Sandy at sandra.bertelsen@sendit.nodak.edu to schedule a session for your district.

Upcoming Events

February 6, 2012	Showcase of Ideas Exchange -Music	9:00-3:30	DSU Strom Center
February 7, 2012	Showcase of Ideas Exchange- Library	9:00-3:30	DSU Strom Center
February 13, 2012	Showcase of Ideas Exchange -English	9:00-3:30	DSU Strom Center
February 15, 2012	Showcase of Ideas Exchange- Physical Education	9:00-3:30	DSU Strom Center
February 15, 2012	Literacy/Learning Join the Daily 5	4:00-6:00	DSU Murphy Hall
February 16, 2012	Showcase of Ideas Exchange- Business	9:00-3:30	DSU Strom Center
*February 21, 2012	Strategic Planning-One Day Event	9:00-3:30	Lady J's *NEW date!
February 21, 2012	Executive Committee Meeting	5:30-7:00	RESP Office
February 27, 2012	Showcase of Ideas Exchange -Agriculture	9:00-3:30	DSU Strom Center
March 12, 2012	New Teacher Mentoring	4:00-6:00	RESP Office
March 13, 2012	Career Expo	9:00-12:10	DSU Campus