

Connecting GTA Teachers
Regional Planning Team Meeting
 Monday, May 25, 2009
 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 Humber ITAL, Community Room (NX111)

MEETING NOTES

Participants:

Joe Andrews, Humber	David Armstrong, SCWI
Kizzy Bedeau, George Brown	Chris Coleman, (Coordinator)
Tina Cotrupi, Toronto CDSB	Cesare DiDonato, Halton CDSB
Ron Dorcas, York CDSB	Christine German, Halton DSB
Carmela Giardini, TCDSB	Ken Harrison, Humber (Chair)
Greg Hurst, Upper Grand DSB	Lina Iacobucci, Dufferin-Peel CDSB
Jane Jenner, Sheridan	John Lavelle, Peel DSB
Dave Lewis, Halton DSB	Elizabeth MacGregor, Peel DSB
Susan McPhedran, Upper Grand DSB	Catherine Moynihan, Toronto CDSB
Greg Murray, Halton IEC	Michelle Ouellette, Dufferin-Peel CDSB
Chris Pearson, Dufferin-Peel CDSB	Jocelyn Piercy, Sheridan
Michelle Rao, Georgian	Laura Rogers, Toronto DSB
Kim Taylor-Reed, York Region DSB	Dale Thorington, Centennial
Mary Vesia, Humber	Victoria Warbuck, Seneca

1. Welcome and Introductions

Ken Harrison welcomed participants and a round of introductions was made.

2. Agenda Check

A check of the Agenda was made and some items added under “New Business”.

3. Review of Previous Meeting Notes

[Meeting Notes of Monday, March 30, 2009](#) were accepted.

4. SCWI Approval Letter (Activities/DC Programs to be confirmed)

- The official SCWI Approval Letter and accompanying spreadsheet confirming the funding allocations of Phase 13 was distributed electronically.
- Subsequent to our Proposal, there was a request to consider proposals for “school-within-a-college” DCPs and a number of colleges/boards have submitted proposals. These programs are identified on the spreadsheet as “TDB” (To Be Determined) pending current discussions about staffing and facilities. Individuals are encouraged to submit a Form 4 to David Armstrong as soon as possible.
- York CDSB will be meeting with its partners to determine whether the “Promoting Skilled Trades and Technology” (PSTT!) Activity can go forward in view of the continuous decrease in funding despite the success of this project.
- If you are contemplating changes, there is a new **Contract Change Form** that should be completed. As soon as the form itself is finalized, it will be posted at <http://cgtat.org> in

the “RFP/Proposals” section. Completed change forms should be submitted to coleman1347@rogers.com .

- The understanding from SCWI is that money may be moved around within a category of projects. For example, money for an approved Activity may be moved to another approved Activity. But, money from a Dual Credit Program may not be moved to an Activity. Money may be moved from one project partner to another partner, providing it is done using the Contract Change Form.
- If you are making changes that are impacting students, it is important to collaborate with your partners.
- Once the change form is completed, approval and turnaround time should be very quick.
- As we keep growing, perhaps we need to look at a more formalized subcommittee process.
- The RFP for Phase 14 will likely come out in September 2009 with decisions probably around Christmas. We need to get a dialogue/process in place more quickly.
- At this point, the use of unions as a training agent (e.g. Local 27) is acceptable for OYAP but NOT for dual credit programs. However, discussions of this issue are still on-going at the Ministry level.

5. SCWI Symposium – feedback and recommendations, date for 2010.

- Well over 200 people participated in the symposium at Humber on May 5. The event was very successful. The round table discussions were a hit and should be repeated at future symposiums.
- The student focused workshops received a lot of favourable comments.
- The biggest criticism was “too much plenary; not enough time to talk to my peers.”
- Next year an extra day (Monday) may be planned for RPT chairs and coordinators.
- Special thanks to Mary Vesia and Ken Harrison for their parts in hosting the Symposium.
- Next year, Humber would be willing to host the event. Being close to the airport, the location is convenient for those who fly in.
- A possible date would be Tuesday, May 4, 2010. May 17-20 is the Skills Canada Ontario event; May 20-23 is the [Skills Canada National event, in Waterloo](#).

6. Literacy Lessons – resources and potential forums

- The *Literacy Lessons* resource binder was rolled out at the Symposium.
- Twenty-five hard copies of the binder were distributed at the meeting. More are available from SCWI.
- The information to order *Power Learning* will be made available. It is directed to the individual teachers and the students themselves.
- SCWI can also offer to the RPT, the resources of Leslie Elliot Bryan, the principal author, who spoke at the Symposium. She could do a workshop for those interested, e.g. teachers of the dual credit students, college instructors and student success people.
- We may want to consider one or two forums on this subject.

7. Phase 13 Critical Path – require “calendar of events” from each College/Board

- Phase 13 begins officially in the fall 2009.
- In order to plan effectively for CGTAT meetings, forums, etc., it would be useful to have the colleges’ and boards’ calendars of events, as well as provincial dates.
- The boards may have different school year calendars based on the placement of Labour Day in September, and that will impact second semester start.
- **Please forward your calendar, or a link, to coleman1347@rogers.com and copy to Ken Harrison.**

- A request was made for CGTAT meetings to be held on the third Monday of every month, rather than the last Monday. No objection was made.

ACTION: We'll have a draft critical path for our next meeting.

8. College Math Project – forum planning and recommendations

- The College Math Project was highlighted at the Symposium. Laurel Schollen and Graham Orpwood (Seneca) continue to lead this initiative. The project continues to grow.
- The College Math Project Team is suggesting a series of forums be held in the fall to draw together key players in the colleges and boards to look at the data and make recommendations on next steps.
- SCWI is unable to fund many supply teachers for teachers to attend these forums.
- It was recommended that those interested in the CMP visit the CMP website at <http://collegemathproject.senecac.on.ca/cmp/>
- It was suggested that we invite people from industry and sector councils to attend this type of event (a) to let them know what's happening, and (b) to gather any input they can provide.
- Various types of Math DCPs and Activities were discussed (e.g. Accounting, College Math Alignment, Technical, MCT4C in Ottawa)
- A subcommittee was set up to facilitate a College Math Project Forum for the west-central region. Laurel and Graham will provide the program and content. They also have a logistics person to run the forum, including booking participants. The CGTAT subcommittee would be a logistical advisory group, focusing on date, location, etc. Volunteers included Dale Thorington, Michelle Ouellette, Laurel Rogers, Lina Iacobucci, and Chris Coleman.

9. End of Phase 12 Reports

- The process for reporting is different this year, in that in previous years you were asked to complete a separate form file for each project. This year you have been sent a large Excel File covering all the DCPs, and you're asked to use the tabs at the bottom of the Excel window to complete just the worksheets for your projects and return the one large file to coleman1347@rogers.com by June 26.
- Also different this year is that you are asked to complete just one student perspective for each DCP. These will be used for marketing.
- The form file for Activities is not available yet.
- The Expenditure Report is due by the end of July. This report will trigger payment by SCWI to this RPT. Any monies that remain unspent will be moved into a separate pot for CGTAT. We won't be rolling monies forward from project to project as we have done in the past.
- Concern was expressed about having just one student perspective per project. Perhaps we'd be advised to have a small exit survey; we could create something online (e.g. using *Survey Monkey*). We'd have to decide what we want to know from them.
- We will need to get even more accountable in terms of student outcomes as well as expenditures.
- The SCWI Liaison Teams plan to visit the projects and find out from students' first-hand what their experience has been.
- Media testimonials (e.g. GBC/TDSB) are encouraged.
- We probably don't have time to pull this together for Phase 12, but we could start now for next year.
- A lot of interest was expressed in doing some research on DCP students; where students transition to, etc. Right now individual efforts are very labour intensive.

10. Other Business

Follow up to the Pathways to Partnership Conference at Fern Resort

- Thanks were expressed to everyone who participated.
- About 16 people will come together June 5-7 at Fern to look at the data and draft a report to be submitted to SCWI.

Phase 12 Newsletter

- Electronic copies have been distributed Available at <http://www.gotocollege.ca/> as a PDF file. or by contacting SCWI.
- It would be useful to have a series of the newsletters, from past years, available on the “Go To College” website.

Adult students in Dual Credit Programs

- If seats were available, could funding be obtained for adult students? An adult student would be someone over 21 who is registered with a school board.
- Some boards have said no in the past, because funding comes from another pot.
- However, we do have adult students taking DCPs in the province, so that it is permissible from an SCWI perspective. The issue comes back to who is funding the teacher piece.
- For Phase 13, if you have capacity to add adult students to an approved dual credit program, then go ahead. If the school board has concerns, then perhaps SCWI can take on the additional funding.

On October 6, TDSB will bring together their SHSM schools plus sector councils in order to explore partnerships and CGTAT members are welcome to attend. For more information contact Laurel Rogers.

11. Next Meeting

Monday, June 22, 2009

Humber ITAL, North Campus

Residence Conference Room

12:00 – 2:00 Main Meeting

2:00 – 4:00 Room available for pre-arranged board/college partnership meetings