

**Parent Mentor Council Meeting  
November 20, 2007  
Phone conference**

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The phone conference was called to order at 10:00am by Council Chairperson, Tami Vandygriff. In attendance:

**OCECD:** Lee Ann Derugen, Barbara Rice

**Northwest:** Cindy Herman, Jayne Young

**North Central:** Vicki Deel-Lezon, Jeanine Belsterling

**Northeast:** Holly Palda, Teresa Karsnak

**Mideast:** Cathy Douglas, Amy Dell'Anno, Tami Vandygriff

**East Central:** Patty Joseph, Stacey Curry, Cheri McCullough

**Southeast:** Faith Harkins, Karen Smith

**Central:** Jacqueline Howley, Lauri Kaplan

**Southwest:** Christine Wright, Ann Maguire

**Reports:**

**ODE/OCECD: Lee Ann Derugen**

- OCECD is waiting for the final approval of their project and are moving forward while waiting. Their funding has been cut by \$200,000 a year. Information will be coming once decisions have been made to any upcoming cuts in programs.
- OCECD will be making Parent Mentor site visits again this year and Lee Ann asked if any site might need/want a visit to please contact her.
- Patty Dovall is the new Parent Mentor for Morrow County
- The applications for the ten new Parent Mentor Grants were due on November 16, 2007. They will be notified on December 10<sup>th</sup> if they will receive the grant.
- A mid-year review will have a checklist format this year and will be coming from Jo Hannah Ward in the next few weeks.

## Regional Reports:

- Northeast-No meeting since the last Council meeting. Berea has hired a new Parent Mentor; Jayma Provance will begin after Thanksgiving.
- Northwest-No meeting but a holiday celebration is scheduled and the region will view a DVD on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome.
- East Central-Met on November 5<sup>th</sup> and Jean Martinek spoke on State Performance and Annual Performance Plans. They will meet on February 11, 2008
- Southeast-Met November 7<sup>th</sup> and learned about the Evaluation Process. Also, on November 14<sup>th</sup> they had transition training. February 8<sup>th</sup> is the next scheduled meeting.
- Central-Met November 5<sup>th</sup>, Co-Serrc presented on Early Childhood Transition. December 14<sup>th</sup> will be a holiday luncheon.
- Mideast-Met Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> at SST-8 and focused on Co-teaching and inclusion. The region gave positive feedback for the upcoming fall meeting that will combine Partnering for Progress and Parent Mentor Conference. They will meet again in Feb. 2008.
- Southwest-No meeting but will have a gathering on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss "Compassionate Caring." On March 1, 2008 they will have a Parent Conference with a variety of break-out sessions. The region is also planning on holding a series of workshops throughout their regions presented by the mentors.
- North Central-Met Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> and shared resources on Differentiated Instruction. They will have an in-depth workshop on Differentiated Instruction Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>.

Faith Harkins thanked OCECD for moving the training series to the Columbus area because it is easier to access than Marion.

## Committees:

- Archives-No meeting
- Mentor Support-No meeting
- PR-No meeting
- Skills/Knowledge-Met at the fall conference and voted to combine Partnering for Progress and the 2008 Fall Conference. Oct. 20-21 has been reserved and a hotel has been booked. Parent Mentors will meet on Oct. 20 and then stay for the Partnering for Progress on Oct. 21, 2008

### **Old Business:**

The Illinois Mentor representatives that visited the fall conference were impressed with our training and members. They have requested further information on Ohio's Parent Mentor trainings.

### **New Business:**

- If any Parent Mentor needs a hard-copy of the PM Directory they should call Marilyn Van Gilder.
- Lauri Kaplan would like the county list of Parent Mentors currently listed in the Parent Mentor Manual to be added to the website.
- Barb Rice will check and see if "Rules for the Road" will also be available on the Parent Mentor Website.

The minutes from October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007 became available during the phone conference and were reviewed and approved. Cathy Douglas made the motion and Cindy Herman seconded it.

Future meetings will be:

March 11, 2008 at 10:00 am (phone conference)

June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 from 10:00am-2:00pm. Possible location will be the CO-SERRC

The phone conference was ended at 11:00am by Tami Vandygrif

**Respectfully Submitted by Teresa Karsnak**