

Partnership for Community Learning Centers
Design Team
August 25, 2003

Executive Summary:

2 Year in reflection

Extended calendar had its issues the first year, most of which have been remedied. Students seem positive on the whole. Teachers needed a different break schedule to avoid exhaustion. Support staff needs to be scheduled to match the partnership calendar.

3 One year ahead

UGA and community involvement continue to be active and expanding. UGA is actively seeking grants on our behalf. Intercession plans are firmly underway.

4 Partnership calendar

We should consider having a balanced calendar for the entire district that matches Chase/Gaines with vacation time substituting for intercessions. Testing is proposing a challenge this year that is well on its way to being resolved.

5 Updates

We need to consider stating a fundraising Action Team. Chase Family Resource center plans are underway and seeking outside funding. Gaines REA grant is doing well. JPO has prepaid newsletters for a while. Brochures for each school are done.

6 Events

STARS rally is looking at a potential 3000 participants. JoBeth will go to BOE meeting.

Next Design Team meeting 10/20.

Full notes:

Present: Jenny Oliver, JoBeth Allen, Lori Ragsdale, Phyllis Stewart, Pam Smith, Jose Boza, Jackie Saindon, Joel Seibentritt, Ginger Davis-Back, Donna Butler Don Carver, Mary Kelly, Sandra Bland, Kent Kilpatrick, Janie Voss, Gwynn Powell, Tim Johnson, Tad MacMillan, Phyllis Childs, Madeline Van Dyke, Bob Bluett, Donna Butler

Guests: Kent Kilpatrick, Athens Leisure Services, Gwynn Powell, UGA College of Education, Pam Smith, CCSD, and Rick Dunn, STARS Rally and March

Absent: Melvin Hayes, Paul Simms, Ken & Natalie Straughter, Pam Paisley and Trisha Reeves

3:40-3:47 Update from Dep of Rec /Leisure Services

Gwynn Powell: Update on presentations and conferences that Department of Rec. and Leisure Studies is doing on our behalf as well as update on \$15K grant which they'll know about in October-received outline of Soaring with My Heroes on cultural and bilingual understanding through sports -there is a problem about May intersession as it is during finals-look at this for next year

3:47-3:57 Introductions of new folks-

JPO: Pam Paisley and Trisha Reeves cannot attend on Monday afternoons but are still involved Discussion of adding Tom Wilson to committee as Chamber rep- also do we want an industry representative -from Gold Kist perhaps-open invitation to Rick Dunn to join- how about Woody English from Home Depot?

3:57-4:20 Update on calendar 2005

Jose Boza: Board adopted a calendar for 2005 but it needs tweaking-there was an issue for testing on the calendar-a committee will be formed to do this

Pam Smith: Norm referenced test is required in 3 and 5 for elementary and when will we give the ITBS, discussion was give to what's best-whole battery will be given in 3 and 5 – considerations:

- May 3-7 (Chase and Gaines intersession- huge problem) can we change calendar? This is a last resort choice
- May 11/12-14/17/18 skip Monday to avoid the return from vacation syndrome and either just have makeup on Monday or do the SS and Sci on M and makeup on T-state *may* allow us to test one day apart on this year only but that is not confirmed
- February was ruled out because of the timing of the results being not best used until the following fall with the large time lag

Tad MacMillan: There are already a lot of things scheduled for the last 2 weeks of school, it would be better to move

Tim Johnson: What is measured? Norm referenced test measures us against the nation-the CRCT is on GA curriculum

Jose Boza: This will be sent to other principals for input

4:20-4:35 Update on Intersession camps from Athens Leisure

Kent Kilpatrick: We have jumped to 163 students- children will attend the sites (East Athens (K-2) and Lay Community Center(3-5)) and the district will provide food and transportation – there will a field trip to UGA again-received a flyer on the camp-they are sensitive to costs –parents have options but once the list is formed they are sticking to the exact schedule as indicated on registration-exposure to new facilities is

important for parents as well-library representative will be coming and there will be computer labs

Madeline Van Dyke: Classic City students must do community service and they can get credit through Youth Apprenticeship so they are another avenue for babysitting service or other chaperone/working situations

Phyllis Childs: We need to do a better job informing parents what happens during intercessions

Bob Bluett: Principals are on site at the camps

4:35-5:05 Reflection on extended calendar, SIP

Phyllis Stewart: Wonderful to have the extended time for teaching- Gaines collapsed EY and REA grant to provide more experiences- they are planning their off campus experiences throughout the year this year instead of waiting until the end of the year to help prevent the misconception that the extra time at the end of the year is only for field trips-The custodial staff did a marvelous job-KUDOS to Leo Scott and crew- there were lots of incentives to get children to come to school regularly and the lack of social workers hurt this effort at the end of the year

Janet Martin: Students really liked the longer year and enjoyed being at school-she felt that the staff was really worn out by the end of the year-would like feed back from teachers-can we earn another sick day and does it have to be a sick day or can it be a personal day? How do we handle support staff like psychologists, social workers and nurses and some other specialty personnel who are on a different calendar? It is needed and currently is not covered.

Janie Voss: Also noticed tired teachers- talked about how they changed the calendar this year to accommodate those stressful long hauls at the end of the year. We believe the break in May 2004 will make a big difference. We did not have that this year.

Phyllis Childs: Did we lose families because of the calendars? Can we check on that data? Are we assured of having money for 15 extra days at the partnership schools for the next 3 years? Are we taking money away from other schools

Lori Ragsdale: Seems that school is much smoother and kids got into school faster

Ginger Jewell: Can we match the calendars at all schools? Keep the number of instructional days the same (180) at other schools, just distribute the days differently

Jose Boza: The money(salaries, busses, etcetera) comes out of Title I so there is no "take away" from other schools

JoBeth Allen: It was always part of the plan to have support staff available for the entire 195 days. We need to figure out how to make this happen. Let's refer SIP to next meeting

Donna Butler: We need to resolve the issue of food delivery for intersession. Forward to James Simms.

5:05-5:25 Update on STARS Rally

Rick Dunn: Received a handout-march is a public proclamation that all children can succeed- it is on 9/27 at 9AM at the Tate Student Center-discussion with Kathy Cox say this is first for the state- this is not a one time demonstration this is a year long campaign-shirts are available for \$10 each at www.rawtalentinc.com/stars We get 5% of the revenue back through Family Connection-expectation is that 3000 people will come out for the rally-idea is NOT for school to contribute money but to contribute bodies to March- Village of the Stars are booths for organizations that support children and families and schools- there will be pledge forms to be distributed to ask what area folks want to volunteer for-Lamar Advertising will set up billboards around town saying "Welcome to CC where all children succeed"-we need a campus organization to sponsor a booth at the Tate Center-goal 100% hs graduation by 2014 for Family Connection -all monies will be disbursed to further schools and education

JoBeth Allen: Can we set up a table to sell t-shirts in the COE? That would be yes.

Janet Martin: Conflict with Rosh Hashanah-this was only Saturday that wasn't a game day-Can we wear t-shirts in CCSD on the day before

5:25-5:30 Other events

Standing item on BOE agenda setting meeting-1st Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM(9/4)

Jo Beth Allen: Do we want to open it up to questions from the Board. Everyone thinks it's a great idea. She will go and do so.

Madeline Van Dyke: We need a bulleted list .

JPO: Can we bullet the list before the notes are sent-Ginger agreed to do so.

Don Carver: Get the first 2 people (Gwynn and Kent) to do a five minute gig for the BOE.

Donna Butler:

- Family Resource Center Grant- CCSD was not eligible for this grant. So the grant that was written will be shopped around to other viable courses.

- Public Service and Outreach at UGA has also been asked for money through a proposal.
- Other grant from the state was also nixed due to 2.5% budget cut.

Lots of starts but no finishes.

JPO: Do we need to start an action team focusing on fund raising?

5:30- Update on Chase Street Family Resource Center

Phyllis Childs: Showed big picture (literal) of the new plans and talked about the environmental pluses and mentioned that they need \$75000 to do it and Gold Kist has already given \$10000 towards it

JPO: Donna and Mary will be tapping the community- the design was done for free by Chris Evans at Segrist firm - plumbing and electrical has already been donated (Labor only) great example of community support

Phyllis Stewart: 2nd year of grant is in progress and Sandra has been a great addition to the team

Sandra Bland: Focusing on parental support and involvement-trying to get them comfortable in school surroundings and then going on to a Phase 2 support team-GED classes started today

JPO: Latest newsletters are in, were passed out-Chase and Gaines wanted a little bit more identity so there are inserts for each for the newsletter for –Dates are good to go September meeting is cancelled

Adjourned at 5:38