

President's Commission on Teacher Education

September 8, 2011

7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Center for Advanced Research and Technology

Meeting Notes

Present: David Andrews, Paul Beare, Mike Berg, Ginny Boris, Diana Dille, Luz Gonzalez, Ginny Hovsepian, Cecelia Massetti, Janell Morillo, Lisa Nyberg, Larry Powell, Rich Smith, Larry Wilder, Janet Young, and John Welty

Guests: Dr. Jacques Benninga – Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Devin Blizzard – CART Principal, Dr. Tom Crow and Ms. Marcy Masumoto – CVELI, and Principal Shelly Manser from Monroe Elementary School District

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Approval of June 10, 2011 Meeting Notes

III. Welcome to CART and Brief Overview – Dr. Devin Blizzard

High school juniors and seniors come to CART for two classes per day. The facility is a model career pathways site – the only one in the Central Valley. On a national level, they are working towards common core standards. Last year CART received data indicating students were more likely to enroll into college after their time at the facility. Topics such as genetics, crime scene investigation, etc...are commonly seen at CART.

IV. KSOEHD Graduates Survey – Dr. Paul Beare

The CSU Teacher Quality Survey (teacher and employment supervisor). Working with Fresno Unified to tie-in student achievement. 31 percent of the graduates came from low income families; 25 percent came from first generation education homes. Supervisors do not perceive a difference in preparedness at the end of first year -- but teachers see a huge difference.

Fresno State grads were divided into three groups. Partner school teachers have much higher approval ratings than traditional style. Those teachers feel more a part of the districts. Sanger has the highest improvement rate.

V. Advancing Student Interest in Science and Mathematics – Dr. Paul Beare for Dr. Carol Fry Bohlin

In June, MSTI received a \$25,000 supplemental grant to support summer activities for prospective Single Subject mathematics and science teachers. This summer, over 100 teachers participated in four mathematics CSET workshops, eight science CSET workshops, a middle school mathematics methods course, a middle school science methods course, and an advanced technologies course sponsored by MSTI. This fall, MSTI is sponsoring workshops for all three CSET mathematics subtests and all ten science subtests.

To help support the professional growth and knowledge of our math and science credential students, MSTI gives students memberships in a state and a national math or science professional organization during their teaching methods course. MSTI is also sponsoring pre-service teachers in attending the upcoming CSTA and CMC conferences this semester, as well as the San Joaquin Valley Mathematics Project (SJVMP) Technology Day conference. This summer, MSTI sponsored prospective math teachers in attending the summer institutes of the SJVMP and the Central California Mathematics Project, both focused on the new Common Core State Standards. Next semester, MSTI will sponsor a stateside section of the Middle School Science Methods course for interested students.

MSTI continues to provide reimbursement of CSET and CTC fees, and to support prospective math and science teachers through the STEM activities of the Office of Community Based Learning, directed by Steve Price.

Lisa Nyberg has been selected as Division Director for Preservice Teacher Preparation for the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA). There are great opportunities for teacher support available through this organization. www.nsta.org

VI. **Central Valley Educational Leadership Institute** – Dr. Tom Crow, Dr. Ginny Boris, Ms. Shelly Masters www.csufresno.edu/cveli

The core mission of CVELI is to bring best leadership practices to all aspects of the education system in the San Joaquin Valley in order to eliminate the achievement gap and raise the performance of all learners. CVELI, along with partners in the educational and business communities, is designed to: Initiate and implement systemic change; Improve program quality in educational communities; and Provide equal access to learning for all students.

CVELI is working to instill a sense of urgency and awareness about the need to strengthen educational leaders. Rural Schools Network – Shelly Masters spoke about her district and how CVELI has helped them understand their resources and “brought them out of isolation”. Inspiring and creating leaders is what CVELI has done for them. Middle Leaders Project (participating districts – Fresno, Clovis, Sanger, and Central). Dr. Crow spoke about Serving Leadership in Higher Education, State Center Community College Leadership Training, and the REAL program. CVELI brings in business and education leaders for their “lunch with leaders” program. Fresno Area Strive Project – Dr. Welty brought this concept to the Valley.

VII. **Items to Consider for Future Meetings:**

- Spring – KSOED Smart Classroom
- Community College Representation
- Report on Common Core
- P. Beare – Revised Single Subject Program
- M. Masumoto suggested visiting a small school district
- M. Ford could host at Kingsburg

- L. Nyberg suggested new generation science framework – look at in spring
- Dr. Welty will contact potential PCTE members
- Location suggestions – San Joaquin River Parkway
- Meeting Topics
 - L. Powell - ELI Educational Leaders Institute
 - G. Boris - Special Education teachers
 - J. Morillo – Technology in the classroom. KSOEHD smart classroom could be a meeting location for this topic.

Meeting adjourned 8 a.m.

Tour of the CART facility led by student ambassadors proceeded the meeting.