**BHSU Dakota ASSETS Meeting Notes**
**September 3, 2009**

Members present: Dr. Nancy Hall, Dr. Gregory Cooch, Faye LaDuke-Pelster, Nancy Whitcher, Ruth Claeys, Mary Goebel, Diana Koch, Maggie Austin, Doug Rowe, Patty Dewey

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Members of the committee were welcomed back from summer break and new committee members, Diana Koch, Pierre Project SELECT Director, and Faye LaDuke-Pelster, Northern Hills PDS Coordinator, were introduced.

2. **Address and updates:** Mrs. LaDuke-Pelster indicated a correction for her phone numbers to be: office-642-6627.

3. **Coordination of presentations at conferences:** Dr. Hall indicated that these are to be coordinated through the individual's supervisors.

4. **Video requests for the upcoming year:** The requests need to be scheduled in advance through the Media Services with TIE. It was recommended that excerpts from the Project SELECT Graduation could be used to enhance program work.

5. **Program goals for 2009-2010 as identified from August 4 Benchmark meeting:**

   **Transition planning for TOE grant funding:** The TQE grant officially ends this year. A 9- month no cost extension will be requested for next year. Scholarships will be offered for 1 more year. The biggest change will be 2 years from now. Structures are being developed in the College of Education for sustainability. Dr. Hall shared that she is considering the development of a new department, the Department of Secondary Education. Project SELECT of Rapid City, Douglas, and Pierre would be in this department. Dr. Hall asked that committee members consider this and communicate to her if they saw any downsides to this plan. She indicated the consideration of Dr. Len Austin as department chair, as he has background and experience in this area. Several committee members verbalized that they thought this was an excellent choice.

   **Placement of graduating interns-strategic marketing to high need schools:** Concern was expressed that openings in high need schools are not coming forth in a timely manner in South Dakota high needs schools. Mr. Rowe indicated the need to identify which Wyoming schools to seek

partnerships with. This is to be an agenda item for the next meeting. He said 11 of the18 Northern Hills PDS took scholarships.

A concern was also expressed that individuals seeking SPED endorsement scholarships may not have the money for the first half of the program. It was suggested to touch base with Connie Pollard, Wyoming Department of Certification. Clarification is needed to see if first year teachers are eligible for the scholarships.

**Assessing students achievement- TWS Factor 5- quality program indicators and teacher preparation:** Dr. Hall indicated that we need to demonstrate our collaborative impact on schools and that the research is solid at the national level.

**Communication:** Mary Goebel expressed that not being on campus at times makes communication more difficult and that there is a learning process as to who to communicate with regarding officials in the school district- superintendents, principals, and clinical faculty. The Teacher Advisory Group has a representative from every PDS site. There has been a policy change with the Field Experience Committee. Diana Koch suggested having an annual meeting in the spring to review general contract for Fall.

6. **Program updates:**

**Recruitment:** Nancy Whitcher attended the ASBSD State Conference with information regarding different programs. She shared information regarding the Master's of Science program. This resulted in a new cohort in New Underwood with 5 enrolled. She has met with Douglas principals regarding program for Master's Degree. She has a planning meeting with Mary Goebel and Diana Koch regarding the design of the Project SELECT brochure. She is meeting with the Math Department from SDSM&T and also coordinated with the BHSU Admission Office.

**Northern Hills PDS:** Faye LaDuke-Pelster reported that Dr. Richard Carriveau met with Gillette on August 20 and they are on board. Interns are in the classrooms in Lead/Deadwood and Belle Fourche and things are going well.

**Special Education:** Dr. Cooch reported that he had 2 summer school classes with 25/27 students and similar numbers for fall. There is room for expanding course offerings.

**Rapid City/Douglas Project SELECT:** The program started with 19 interns but lost one student. She said it is a wonderful group of students. West Middle School is a new site this year. There are 6 math/science interns. Douglas has 7 interns with 5 at the middle school and 2 at the high school.

**Pierre Project SELECT:** Pierre started August 11 and interns are with their consulting teachers now. A joint meeting with 2 members of the Rapid City clinical faculty is planned with members of the Pierre clinical faculty on September 30 in Pierre.

**TIE:** Maggie Austin invited members to attend the Indian Education Conference and to register under Dakota ASSETS. She indicated it is a rich learning experience. Mr. Rowe is following up with scholarship interns regarding their placements.

7. **Establish meeting dates for 2009-2010:** All meetings are to held at the Rapid City TIE office on the following dates:
   October 1- 9:00
   November 19- 8:00
   January 21- 9:00
   February 25- 9:00
   March 25-9:00
   April 22-9:00
   May 13-9:00