

Washington State Team Ag Ed Meeting

October 14, 2011 3:00pm to 4:00pm
Conference Call

Team Ag Ed Members in Attendance:

George Ruddell, Wenatchee Valley College
Riva Morgan, Wenatchee Valley College
Wayne Gilman, OSPI
Don Miller, Agriculture Center of Excellence
LaKatherine Stanger, Agriculture Center of Excellence

Welcome:

George Ruddell welcomed the meeting participants.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Don moved to approve the meeting minutes from June 27, 2011; Wayne seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Education Partner Updates:

Agriculture Center of Excellence

Don Miller announced the shift in Directors; a new Director is anticipated to be hired by the end of October. Staffing increase at the Center brings in a Project Manager for award of USDA Grant for the Center. The Center is playing a role in the USDA Grant in education, biofuels industry, partnering with K-12 system, developing dual credit modules, and coordinating two DACUMs with Ohio State University. National Science Foundation Grant brings expansion for programs, DACUMs, and in career pathways in sustainability with agriculture, to be submitted by October 20th.

Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)

Wayne is currently working on 1710, ten year strategic plan for CTC by December 1, 2012. Two supervisors involved and able to keep up with the committee, legislature completed. No loss in programs, have many cut back. District science instructors heading toward CTE course certifications. Student participation and projects lack in the area of Ag and science. Horticulture courses/ science courses transferable to community college and industry/ career based immediate employment. Bringing in Ag trainers for electronic Ag book for Ag instructors in December.

Washington State FFA

Gary Parkert is making arrangements for the summer conference in Wenatchee. FFA is concerned about funding to hire a new executive secretary, due to the Perkins money losing 19.4 already. Washington Farm Bureau is sponsoring a concert in November at their annual conference in November and will split any profit with WA FFA.

Farm Bureau

Kristen Hinton was not present; however, described a project that would provide access to contact information for locally elected Farm Bureau members, listed by county, which would enable agricultural instructors to access names and phone numbers. The contact list will provide agricultural instructors a mechanism to develop stronger advisory board and to seek opportunities for students to engage in their local agricultural industry. Kristen projected that she could have a list available by September 1st, prior to the meeting. This list is important for all Team Ag. Ed participants and George will work on getting in contact with Kristen to follow up on this.

Old Business:

No old business was discussed.

New Business:

National FFA Convention, October 19th-22nd

National FFA Week, February 18th- 25th

Teach Ag. Education, March 15th

Next Meeting:

Tentatively March 2012.