

1. Welcome and Introductions: Diana welcomed those in attendance. Several members were not in attendance due to illness.

2. News and Views: Lynne explained that “Race to the Top” is a federal competitive grant program that will bring money into the state when so much of our budget has been cut. We have committed to federal requirements to apply for funds including signing onto the Common Core Standards currently under development. She discussed the application criteria and priorities and reported on results of a meeting held the previous Friday concerning “High School Redesign”. She showed a scatterplot of classes that compared percent of disadvantaged students and percent proficient in individual classrooms throughout the state. This plot demonstrates that students with disadvantaged status can achieve proficiency. If the state receives the grant, 50% must go to LEA’s with consideration to those with higher numbers of socio-economically disadvantaged. Utah qualifies in most areas required by the Feds to apply.

Diana talked about her impression of the federal college- and work-readiness standards in math. She felt generally favorable.

Mary Kay Kirkland attended an ASCD national convention and spoke with individuals who had worked with the Common Core.

Lynne discussed the alignment of various committees working on education improvement in the state. She expressed her appreciation to those present for being involved.

3. Review Report and Recommendations: Diana reminded the committee to keep the draft from being disseminated. She pointed out some changes to the draft handed out compared to what was sent to members prior to the meeting. Some charts were updated and new data included. She asked members to look for connections between the data showing needs to the recommendations. The group reviewed the nearly 40 recommendations and members were to choose 3 or 4 priorities for the State Board of Education, the Board of Regents, the Legislature and Governor’s Office, and Business and Industry. Diana reviewed the recommendations and took input on them from the group. An additional recommendation was suggested by Aleen Ure that was “Focus on depth of understanding and correct placement of students.” Several also suggested an additional point for “culture of support” concerning the development of trusting relationships among educators, business, and industry.

(12:25 – lunch)

The group looked at each area that had not been discussed and made suggestions.

#### 4. Small Group Discussion of Focused Recommendations:

Diana asked group members to move into smaller groups and choose priorities for each of the bodies the recommendations go to. The sections were: Board of Education; Legislature & Governor; Board of Regents; Business & Industry. The final recommendations for each organization were vetted by the whole group in a round robin activity.

7. Next Steps: Diana will take the recommendations from the charts, make the changes suggested and send them out the members. Members are to read these and give feedback to Diana. The goal is to present this to the Board of Education at the November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Meeting dismissed at 2:30.