

Math and Science Advisory Council Meeting  
November 21, 2008  
State Capitol Building  
1:30 pm to 4:00 pm

In attendance: Bob Eisenstein, Phyllis Baca, Brian Every, Patrick Lopez, Katherine Watkins, Len Duda, Pascal Buser, Richard Nygren, Claudia Ahlstrom, Joyce Kaser, Franny Dever, Ed Spivak, Laura Crossey, Ellen Levy, Trish Wagner Mary Jo Daniel, Felicia Leyba (note-taker).

Guests: Rick Scott, Susan MacIntosh, Anne Madsen, Cliff Ross, Shandina Watson

Bob Eisenstein opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Bob stated that Rick Scott has moved on to a new position with the Higher Education Department and congratulated Mary Jo for her new position as Interim Bureau Chief.

Bob said the focus of this meeting is on how to get NM Project 2012 out to the public, to solicit public comment, and to lobby legislators despite the funding prospects. There's a tentative plan for a Project 2012 roll out on December 4<sup>th</sup> in Albuquerque with Senator Bingaman to get his public endorsement, get news media attention and to ask questions. It's important for the report to get out.

Joyce Kaser welcomed new members (alternates): Kathryn Watkins, University of NM science education; Trish Wagner, coordinator for elementary science and math, Albuquerque Public Schools; Phyllis Baca, Santa Fe Community College; and also welcomed Pascal Buser and Felicia Leyba from the Math and Science Bureau.

Everyone introduced themselves to the new members.

Bob distributed a list of state senators and representatives and asked if everyone could contact one legislator and speak to them about Project 2012 and math and science and perhaps submit OpEd pieces to the newspapers. This would get everyone involved in contacting the media rather than one person doing it.

Discussion followed about how to organize this effort and coordinate it with the PED Public Information Office as well as how to ensure appropriate protocols are followed to involve Secretary Garcia. Since no specific legislation is being sought, discussions with law makers would focus on endorsing the ideas contained in NM Project 2012 and to keep issues about math and science education at the forefront for legislators. This would be an opportunity to educate the public on the issues. It was decided that Bob would generate some "talking points" for each Council member to use to ensure the same message was given to all legislators and other stakeholders. Members present identified the legislators they would contact; this list will be circulated to all council members with a request that those absent also identify members they would contact. The list so far:

Trish Wagner: Mimi Stewart, Sheryl Williams Stapleton

Katherine Watkins: Linda Lopez, Kent Cravens  
Len Duda: Linda Lopez, Janice Arnold Jones, Mark Boitano  
Patrick Lopez: Bernadette Sanchez, Rick Miera  
Laura Crossey: Gail Chasey, Ernest Chavez, Rhonda King  
Ellen Levy: Nancy Rodriguez, Jim Trujillo, Lucky Varela  
Toney Begay: Ray Begay, Lynda Lovejoy, Keith Gardner, Mary Jane Garcia  
Phyllis Baca: Candy Spence Ezzell, Mary Helen Garcia, Nathan Cote, Antonio Lujan,  
John Heaton, Vernon Asbill, Mary Kay Papen, John Arthur Smith  
Franny Dever: Jane Powdrell-Culbert, Bill O'Neal, John Ryan  
Joyce Kaser: Gerald Ortiz y Pino  
Bob Eisenstein: Jeanette Wallace, Peter Wirth

It was suggested that legislators from the Albuquerque area be invited to an event to highlight and discuss NM Project 2012 and issues related to math and science education.

The opinion was expressed that distribution of NM Project 2012 by mailing out to businesses will not be effective; it would be better to find some of the movers and shakers and get it on their agenda for discussion and give them copies.

Rick reported that the proposed legislation to raise the requirement for elementary teachers from 6 to 9 hours of math has encountered some opposition in PED. He did prepare a report on Math and Science education on behalf of the Council for the LESC; it was presented to the LESC in written form, but there was not an oral presentation.

It was decided that the next steps should be:

1. Mary Jo will follow up with Lori Bachman about the cover letter Bob drafted and sent to the Secretary. If there is an event the Secretary is already scheduled to attend, we could piggy-back on that to announce the completion of NM Project 2012.
2. Assuming a positive response, dissemination of the report would be directed by a small subcommittee of MSAC. Volunteers: Laura Crossey, Ellen Levy, Ed Spivak, Bob E.
3. Members were asked to "hold" the morning of Dec. 4 in their calendars in case the "kick off" on that day occurs.

It was suggested that given the difficulties involved in moving private money through the state system, the Council might want to think about coming up with a foundation in order to manage the outreach program for 2012.

Council members were encouraged to read the entire NM Project 2012 document to ensure they know it well and can discuss it with others.

Mary Jo asked Council members to review the proposed rule for the Math and Science Proficiency Fund (called for in Math and Science Act) that was distributed and to submit comments. The Council will work on the Rule at the next meeting. She also announced

that Math and Science Day at the Legislature will be Feb. 24, 2009. More information will be sent out; Council members are invited to have a public display of their programs.

Plus delta for the meeting:

-LESC meeting was frustrating

-LESC was very educational

-markers and chart paper would have helped to capture our conversation

-move around; we sat too long

-needed a printed meeting agenda available

Bob asked everyone to email him if they find any errors in NM Project 2012.

The next meeting will be Friday, January 16 in Albuquerque.