

Oregon Mathematics Education Council

Notes of Meeting

January 24, 2003

Math Learning Center, Salem

Updates

- 1) ODE:
 - a. In the process of streamlining assessments. 33% of state has students taking tests on the internet. Trying to get standards in place to be ready for 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and high school (mathematics and reading, primarily multiple choice). In addition, requires multifaceted (i.e. multiple measures) assessment testing done once in each grade band (elementary/middle/high school) in 2004 (No Child Left Behind). English Language arts standards adopted by state yesterday.
 - b. Details of Governors's proposed budget reinstates all funding previously taken out of assessment.
- 2) TSPC update:
 - a. OMEC and TOTOM's letter to Vicky Chamberlain (TSPC) stressed that the pedagogy exam for licensure was not needed.
 - b. Division 65 is a description of various endorsements available for teachers (on top of certification). Discussion now for new content competencies. OMEC may be able to be involved in the mathematics standard. *[Note Added: At the Pre-OAS meeting, 2/21, a group gathered to draft these recommendations. This draft will be presented to OMEC for consideration and endorsement]*
- 3) PASS update:
 - a. Received three major grants to continue working on PASS.
 - b. We discuss the use of PASS to waive placement exams or even certain "below-calculus" courses.
 - c. We discussed that this information is also available to the private institutions.
 - d. We should write to admissions officers at individual institutions asking how their institutions will use PASS. How is information getting to the high school mathematics teachers about how this material is being used at the various institutions.
 - e. There was a discussion of the impression that PASS helps to identify students who will need remediation.
- 4) OAS/OCEPT
 - a. February 20 & 21 as a precursor to the Oregon Academy of Sciences (OAS) OCEPT will host a gathering at Hotel Oregon in McMinville.
 - b. OCEPT is still looking for ways to identify early-career teachers (perhaps first and second year teachers).

- 5) MAA - investigating beginning a NExT-like program for high school teachers, especially to try to keep high school mathematics teachers excited about mathematics (national level).
- 6) OCTM
 - a. Offering inexpensive workshops statewide.
 - b. OCTM website is still being developed
 - c. Saturday 8th in Troutdale, OCTM board meeting
 - d. Advocates interaction between
PNW-MAA/OCTM/ORMATYC/WAMATYC/WCTM
- 7) State Mathematics Contests
 - a. OSU will host.
 - b. We have been discussing alternatives to the state mathematics contest. COMAP offers such an alternative. The MAA also offers the American Mathematics Competition (AMC exams).
 - c. Laura Lethe attended the Mathematics Community College Math Chairs meeting as OMEC representative and OCTM contest coordinator.