

Montevallo Connection Meeting
November 8, 2007
4:30 pm – 5:15 pm
Wills 200

Participants: Marla Aldrich, Jenny Avery, Tarsha Bluiett (& Nila), Dessilyn Chappell, Jane Clayton, Hollie Cost, Bart Ferguson, Amanda Harrison, Marie Hicks, Janie Hubbard, Elaine Hughes, Annie McClain, Kathy McEntee, Anna McEwan, Jenifer Moore, Vanessa Nason, Judy Simmons, Delain Smith, Desiree Smith, Meredith Smith, Maegan Vick, Susan Uhman, Joe Walsh and Peggy Chappell.

Item #1: Welcome/Opening Comments

Dr. Hollie Cost welcomed everyone to the meeting stating the purpose of the Montevallo Connection is to strengthen our partnership with the Montevallo schools. Copies of the 2007-2008 Montevallo Connection members and UM Consultants were reviews. Dr. Cost requested that any corrections be sent to her. Introductions were made by the members present.

Item #2: Minutes

The minutes from the Montevallo Connection Retreat on May 11, 2007 were approved.

Item #3: MC Website

Dr. Joe Walsh announced that the website for Montevallo Connection is not published yet. He requested input from the meeting participants. The plan is to launch the website next week.

Item #4: Compact Renewal

Dr. Elaine Hughes gave a brief history on the Montevallo Educational Compact. She was a part of the initiation of this compact in 1983. The program received numerous awards in the early years. Dr. Hughes shared several photos and memories of the program. Dr. Cost informed the participants that we will examine the compact at the spring meeting.

Item #5: Recent Connections

Dr. Cost shared a list of recent collaboration efforts between the Montevallo schools and the University of Montevallo. She requested additional information if anything was omitted. One of the most important things we need to do is to let everyone know the unique relationship between our schools.

Item #6: Survey Results

The result of the surveys conducted at the spring retreat were reviewed. Dr. Anna McEwan gave the results for the University of Montevallo and the College of Education; Dr. Jenifer Moore gave the results for Montevallo Elementary School; Ms. Jenny Avery gave the results for Montevallo Middle School and Dr. Hollie Cost gave the results for Montevallo High School. Common needs included grant writing, technology, reading

and test taking strategies. A possibility for grant writing is to invite someone to the university campus and invite the Montevallo schools to join us.

Item #7: Small Groups

The participants divided into small groups according to their schools to do a mid-term report on the progress of our spring retreat projects.

Item #8: Announcements

The next meeting will be March 6, 2008 from 4:30 pm until 5:30 pm.

We will plan to have another spring retreat for future planning.

Dr. Cost updated everyone on our faculty searches.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Submitted by: Peggy Chappell, C & I Departmental Secretary