

Montevallo Connection Meeting
Thursday, March 6, 2008
4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Wills 200

Participants: Jane Clayton, Sharon Anderson, Marie Hicks, Hollie Cost, Eric Vaccaralla, Carolyn Kirby, Jason Tiffin, Anna McEwan, Ben McCrory, Joe Walsh, Glenda Conway, Rosemary Anderson, Jenifer Moore, Jenny Avery, Glee Whitsett, Haley Franks, Sally Bell, Amanda Harrison, Rebecca Beaty, Wanda Gothard, Jill Wicknick, Kathy MeEntee and Shannon Lee.

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. Special recognition was given to Mayor Anderson and introductions were made by the other members present.

Item #2: Minutes

The minutes from the November 8, 2007 Montevallo Connection meeting were reviewed with no corrections needing to be made.

Item #3: General Information

The mission statement of the Montevallo Connection was read. It was stated that the Montevallo Connection is currently housed under the Curriculum & Instruction Department of the College of Education, but will be moved from under Curriculum & Instruction Department to College of Education. Dr. Joe Walsh gave a presentation of the Montevallo Connection Website. Dr. Cost asked members to let her know of any corrections that needed to be made to the web site. A brief overview of recent connections was discussed, which included a recent visit to Montevallo Elementary for the United We Read program. Dr. Cost asked the members to provide her with information regarding any community events they have participated in.

Item #4: Action Items

A slide show regarding proposed general projects was shown emphasizing the organization's needs. The first proposed project was the need for the formation of a committee for the Compact Renewal. The goal of the Compact Renewal was also discussed. A sign-up sheet was provided. Secondly, the goal of the Future Falcon Days project was read. Implementation is expected to be in spring 2009. Partial funding has been secured, but additional funding is needed. A sign-up sheet was provided for member who were interested in serving on the committee. Faculty development workshop needs were discussed and it was announced that the first workshop would be on Grant writing on April 10th. School material needs were addressed.

The 2007–2008 goals/survey needs report for Montevallo Elementary School, Montevallo Middle School, and Montevallo High School was discussed and the group divided into small groups to develop new preliminary goals for 2008-2009. Dr. Joe Walsh lead the Montevallo Middle School group, Dr. Glee Whitsett lead the Montevallo High School

group, and Dr. Jenifer Moore lead the Montevallo Elementary School group. These results of these group discussions will be provided and further developed at the Spring Retreat.

Item #5 Announcements

The next meeting will be at the UM Student Retreat Center on May 7, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Submitted by: Shannon Lee, C & I Departmental Secretary