

**Montevallo Connection**  
**Minutes**  
**October 21, 2009**

Members present were: Wanda Gothard, Meg Pepper, Cynthia Shackelford, Shelia Lewis, Doug Crahan, Meredith Smith, Ray Ozley, Betty Walker, Sharon Gilbert, Doug Thompson, Mary Lou Williams, Eva Frost, Jenifer Moore, Cathy Barber, Adrian Catier, Dana Cartier, Tammy Plier, Michelle Duran, Amanda Fox and Hollie Cost.

**Welcome and Announcements**

Dr. Cost welcomed everyone to the meeting. She asked each member to introduce themselves and tell what they do.

**Opening presentation by Future Falcon-Jessica Parker**

Ms. Jessica Parker, Future Falcon Guide, presented a powerpoint from the 2008-2009 Future Falcon Days with Montevallo Elementary, Montevallo Middle, and Montevallo High School.

**Approval/correction of the minutes**

The minutes stand approved as submitted.

Dr. Cost stated that she gathered information from last year's Future Falcon Surveys of the students likes and dislikes as well as Future Falcon Guides likes and dislikes. Some of the dislikes for the students were: the day wasn't long enough, need more interactive sports, more snacks. While some of the likes were: Liked the scavenger hunt, enjoyed the college students, liked the center of the state. Some of the Future Falcon Guides dislikes were: needed more time, needed more hands-on activities and likes were: the students behavior and learning more about the university.

Dr. Cost asked Ms. Walker to give a brief report about the Child Study Center. Ms. Walker stated that the Center now opens at 7:15 and closes at 5:30. She stated this should help in giving the teachers in the Montevallo School system time to drop off their children and ample time to pick them up. Ms. Walker stated they are looking in to opening the Center during May term. She also announced Breakfast with Santa is scheduled for December 12. She invited all members to bring their children to have breakfast and visit with Santa. She stated there is also a Bazaar to buy gifts. This is a fund raiser for the Center. Ms. Walker stated they currently have 28 children at the Center and they do have room for a couple of four year olds. She stated they are nationally accredited for young children.

**School Highlights**

**MES**

Meredith Smith stated that Montevallo Elementary has been working very closely with Dr. Ted Metz from UM's Art Department. She stated the students at the elementary school would draw pictures and the students at UM would make sculptures to be placed in the front of the school. Dr. Cost stated that Dr. Metz is also doing the same project with our sister city, Japan. She said that 14 sculptures are on the way to Japan now. The elementary school is now considered a CLASS school for the arts because of the sculptures. Ms. Smith also stated that the elementary school has received a Legislative Grant from Senator Erwin. She said there will be a base for an American Flag, State Flag, and MES flag placed in the front area of the school.

### **MMS**

Ms. Sheila Lewis stated that Montevallo Middle School received a grant in the amount of \$250,000.00 to establish 21<sup>st</sup> century classrooms. She hopes this will start taking place in January. This will affect 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students. She stated the plan for this grant is to help with the drop-out rate by offering more hands-on learning activities. Ms. Lewis stated that parent day will be held tomorrow, Oct. 22 from 9-11 where there will be an AMSTI presentation and a speaker on safety. She also stated that Montevallo Middle received the After Air Family Grant where students can stay after school from 3-6 and is targeted for science but also time for tutoring. She stated they will bring the Roaming Astronomy Dome in November.

### **MHS**

Ms. Cartier stated that UM Math Honor Society has been helping with free tutoring form Montevallo High School students. She stated that UM is also working on letting seniors from Montevallo High School come to campus and sit in a Math core class to hear a lecture and experience a college class. She also stated that there have been several faculty come to the High School to present guest lectures.

### **Special Connections**

Dr. Cost showed a powerpoint on the Earth and Sky Camp. She stated the objectives were met. The surveys showed that students wanted to learn more about science and astronomy. She stated that we received a \$5000.00 grant from CAWACO to fund this camp and is hoping more funds will be available to hold a camp for each school this coming summer.

Dr. Cost stated that Ms. Jiji Lawley, Ms. Katie Lawley, and Dr. McEwan have been working with Montevallo Elementary School on the Civic project which will be a recycling program.

Dr. Cost stated that UM Kinesiology students have been tutoring at the Boys and Girls club.

### **Data review**

Dr. Cost shared the results of the school needs surveys and the results of the FF day surveys.

### **2009-2010 Montevallo Connection Programming (time to discuss in groups)**

Each school, Montevallo High, Middle and Elementary personnel broke in to small groups to discuss upcoming connections.

MHS/Mentoring, Faculty Presentations – discussion included hosting a physics competition, a Saturday scholars program, and an intense graduate exam prep week.

MMS/Future Falcons with mentoring – the Future Falcon Day and the continuation of the mentoring program, to get the students more involved with college night.

MES/tutoring and the International Fair – project to strengthen writing skills by pairing with the international students as pen pals, continuation of math night and tutoring to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades before struggling happens.

### **Other Business**

Mary Lou Williams suggested that members look at the Wednesday Memo on the UM Website to see what all is going on, on campus.

**Announcements**

Future Falcon Date with Montevallo Middle School is scheduled for October 29.

The spring general meeting has been scheduled for March 10<sup>th</sup> in Wills 200 from 4-5:30.

The upcoming executive committee meetings are November 6 and December 4 at 2:30 in Wills 200.

Dr. Cost thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.