



1997 Retreat - Landsdowne [APPROVED]

Minutes of the 1997 National Conference on Governor's Schools

Lansdowne Resort

Leesburg, VA

November 20-23, 1997

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1997 (2:15 PM)

Opening Session

Meeting Called to order by Ted Tarkow

Special thanks to Susan Helsley for conference planning

Learning From Each Other Session

- KEYS TO CURRICULUM - Virginia Simmons - West Virginia Governor's School
 - Tasks are Based on:
 - Sound and significant concepts
 - Knowledge of students performance and intellect
 - Curriculum should orchestrate discovery by:
 - Challenging questions
 - Listening
 - Asking for clarification and /or justification in depth
 - Knowing when to provide information or direct the flow of information
 - Assuring equal participation
 - Evaluation
 - Multi-dimensional
 - Applications
 - Interviews
 - PRE/POST TESTING OF CONTENT
 - Program -full evaluation by students of the program, the facilities, the curriculum and the faculty
- TECHNOLOGY - Peter Berget - Pennsylvania Governor's Schools for Sciences

- NCoGS Web site
 - update by program - one page State summary
- Update the directory on the Website
- Possibility for on-line membership application forms
- Possibility for on-line newsletter
 - On-line for submitting articles to newsletter
- List server for faculty interaction
 - Peter has volunteered to make a group list serve for all of the NCoGS members who give him their e-mail address.

Next Conference

- Invitation to - Louisville, Kentucky in 1998 accepted
 - Dates to be determined as soon as possible for communication to NCoGS friends and members
 - Moved by Keith Eicher, and approved, to appropriate up to \$3,000 as seed money for the 1998 conference in Louisville, Kentucky.
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1997 (7:30 PM)

Report from the States

- Peter Berget - Pennsylvania Governor's Schools
- Ed Donnelly & Mary Daley - New York State Summer Institutes
- Bruce Haggard & Ann Biggers - Arkansas Governor's School

Call for Help

- Help is needed to seek funding to track alumni needed; please send to Peter copies of any alumni surveys from your state.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1997

Reports from the States, continued

- Virginia Simmons & Bill Collins, West Virginia Governor's School
- Jean Olson & Donny Osman - Vermont - Governor's Institutes
- The Millennium Project

Staffing Issues

- Ted Tarkow & David Welch - Missouri Scholars Academy

- Faculty Interviews
- Theater Sports
- Student transitioning - How to keep the spirit alive
- Topics for Guest Speakers
 - Week one - Community Building
 - Week two- intellectual risks (i.e. medical ethics)
 - Week three - transitioning back home

NCoGS Business Meeting

Treasurer's Report - Mary Daley

Status of the Directory - needs to be revised and updated. Ted will contact Bob Lawton and Jim Bray, assess the status of their updating process, and will move forward with the process for Peter to add the additional data that needs to be included in the Directory. Several members agreed to provide the names and addresses of other Governor's Schools directors who have not been active participants in NCoGS. Peter plans to do this on the Web.

Motion by David Welch, and approved, to allocate up to \$4,000 for the production of electronic and hard copy of the updated Directory. Virginia Simmons offered to print the hard copy at no cost.

Membership Issues

Ted will write a newsletter that informs the membership of the events and decisions resulting from this conference. The newsletter will include NCoGS e-mail address, information on how to join NCoGS, and information about the updated Directory.

Agenda for the Second Decade Proposal

Virginia Uldrick, with suggestions from the conference participants, will update the Agenda proposal and add the research component. The conference planning committee will work with Virginia Uldrick to continue dialogue with Secretary of Education Riley and plan for his attendance at the 1998 conference.

The Board will move forward with a strategy to contact the current Chairman of the National Governor's Association.

Long Range Planning for Future Conferences

It was moved by Keith Eicher and approved to hold a full conference every even year and a "planning and issues" conference on odd years. Jean Olson has volunteered to host the next planning and issues conference in Vermont in the Fall of 1999.

Motion by Milton Riggleman, and approved, to move to a two year cycle for the election of Board members and officers, and to revise the by-laws to reflect these changes and bring them back to the Association for approval no later than the next conference.

Reports from the States, continued

- Jeanne Paynter - Maryland Summer Centers

Evaluation Issues

- Bruce Haggard - Arkansas Governor's Schools
 - Levels of evaluation that need to be addressed
 - Student
 - Faculty, staff
 - Program
 - Exit evaluation of all components of the program by the students (i.e. how does one measure/validate a life changing experience)
 - External evaluation of current program and long term impact on students.
- Request made for all participants to send to Peter, for future dissemination, copies of student evaluation instruments that measure the overall impact of the program on a student's life.
- Also, any instruments that evaluate the impact of the experience on the faculty.

Student Selection Issues

- Milton Riggelman - Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program
 - Selection must be based on the purpose of your program.
 - Keeping politics out of the selection process

Programming and Residential Life

- Virginia Uldrick - South Carolina
 - Building a dream - the creation of the South Caroling year round residential Governor's School for the Arts.

Motions

Moved by Virginia Simmons, and approved, that the NCoGS recognize U S Secretary of Education Riley for his outstanding contributions to Gifted Education. This will be done at the Fall 1998 conference in Kentucky. Ted will contact Secretary Riley as soon as the dates for the 1998 conference are determined.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1997

Business Session

Review of the first draft of the suggested items to include in the new directory. It was noted that funding and salaries should be available for NCoGS member information, but may not be appropriate public dissemination.

Moved by Virginia Simmons, and approved, to accept the invitation by Vermont to host the 1999 planning and issues conference.

Report from the States

- Keith Eicher, Virginia Governor's Schools for the Humanities and the Visual and Performing Arts

Summary

At the conclusion of the meeting, members reiterated decisions and next steps:

1. A December newsletter to all members and friends of NCoGS to update everyone on current initiatives and to remind many of membership dues.
2. An updated directory (both hard copy and on the NCoGS Website) is a high priority for the coming year
3. A list-serve that will allow better and more frequent communications among directors.
4. A concerted effort to update our website. This will work only if all schools keep their websites current.
5. A Spring or Summer update will include initial plans for the 1998 conference in Louisville.
6. A request that the current officers agree to serve in their present roles through the 1998 Louisville conference. The officers agreed.

The meeting adjourned with reiterated thanks to Susan Helsley and Tom Woodall for their tremendous work in facilitating the Lansdowne retreat, and with congratulations and best wishes to Keith Eicher on his upcoming retirement.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janie Craig, Secretary

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