

## **LOTE Meeting Minutes January 31, 2000 Newark: York-Arcadia Bldg.**

### **Members Present:**

Sue Barnes  
Krieta Coleman  
Margaret Dodge

Rosemary Fry, Key Communicator  
Toni Johnson  
Bob Leiby, RIC Representative  
Michelle Shenton

### **As the hub of a Network:**

Via Michelle, Midlakes teachers suggested that our group might be able to provide:

- ◆ an area-wide film library Michelle will develop a form\* (thanks for the suggestion Sue) to send out to area teachers that we will compile and redistribute on WAFFLE web site (on: [www.rediacket.org](http://www.rediacket.org)) and on hard copy. Lender takes responsibility for loss or damage. Ctitle, language, dubbed or subtitles, level, suppl.materials, brief synopsis)
- ◆ LOTE teachers' favorite web sites: We will bring some to the next meeting, distribute and ask for more to share. Again, on WAFFLE site and paper.
- ◆ Ckpt A reading materials (where? what?): good question...
- ◆ Where 0 the World i's Davi'd Valentine?-Midlakes and Sue Barnes (for MS Language Fair) are looking for his dancing expertise. Margaret is looking. Rosemary suggested Ken Stoker might know.

### **MARCH 17 CONFERENCE DAY:**

- ◆ Kathy Wegman asked RIC for district numbers attending the NYS Proficiency Exam turnkey training (see hand-out). It still seems worth doing to her, them and us
- ◆ Another training day later in the Spring looks necessary-as per trainers availability
- ◆ Invite H.S. teachers: a) continuum and alignment b) may change levels c) department chairs who may need to train new teachers.
- ◆ Trainers will draft a letter to: assistant superintendents/curriculum directors, principals and department chairs addressing Importance, including that the new exam reflects the state standards and will be a graduation requirement for current 7th graders who complete Ckpt A by 8th grade.

(Send to LOTE Network via E-mail for suggestions, if time allows.)

### **Annual LOTE Conference Days**

Rosemary suggested we start this so that everyone simply expects us to have a LOTE conference for teachers, by teachers. All agree. The idea is to have them on their own day,

not the same date as a BOCES conference day since many districts prefer to keep their teachers for in-house projects.

- ◆ Each Fall: The Network group and/or WAFFLE would sponsor training sessions for new or new-to-a-level teachers
- ◆ Each February: The Network group will organize a full-day conference for all are LOTE teachers.

For next year, we are looking at "How to teach reading" as our main focus: guest presenters; colloquium; best practices from our area teachers on the topics of decoding, comprehension, etc.

- ◆ A letter will be drafted that will inform area districts of our intentions.

### **Fall 2000**

Ideas for a workshop for secondary LOTE teachers? Many middle school teachers will attend a conference re. the middle school concept. The thought is that districts will be glad to have something for other teachers to attend.

### **LOTE exempt students**

Bob Leiby asked if we could help CSE by writing a position paper (or the like) to help them determine who IS LOTE exempt. How does one make that determination? Toni's district looks at their ability in the 6th grade exploratory course. Other districts? Our suggestions are . . . ?

### **Next Meeting**

<p><b>Tuesday, March 28, 2000</b> <b>York-Arcadia building, Newark</b> <b>4:00-6:00 p.m.</b></p>
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### **BRING:**

- ◆ a list of favorite web sites

### **Agenda:**

- ◆ Letter re. annual conference days
- ◆ Conference for Fall 2000
- ◆ Turn-key training debriefing (?!)