

DAC Meeting

2-07-2008 2:30pm

Present: Cheryl Dyer, Elaine Queen, Caryn Braddy, Tamie Nelson, Dolly Hill, Ackerman's, Trona Denny, Dick Nunamaker and Angela Toothaker. Also present were other parents and educators of the Delta VHCP.

EMAIL TO DAC MEMBERS/POST AT DELTA VHCP OFFICE

- We need to make a decision on when we will choose the online curriculum----The vote should be taken after the web conference. On FEBRUARY 28 at DAC meeting at 5pm we will **vote** on a curriculum.
- When will the web conference be? **Web conference** is set for FEBRUARY 21 at First Baptist Church at 5pm. Who will make the contact with companies? Dolly will get with Odyssey Ware and Caryn will get with Plato. Dolly has provided a comparison of Plato vs. Odyssey Ware. She received the comparison from Odyssey Ware-copy attached. Caryn will ask Plato to supply a similar comparison from their perspective.

We want a questions and answer set up and general info from each company. Set times for 1 hour. We want the companies to address a set of questions so that again we can compare apples to apples.

What do we want to see some samples ---Elementary and Secondary sample lessons? Samples for a grade-to-grade compare of the companies-We will ask to see 4th grade/math, 7th grade/language arts and 9th grade/science. CMCS- how they match with the curriculum? How do we determine what lessons are necessary. How flexible are the programs lessons? How do you step out of the curriculum to use other classes and curriculums to help the student? What are your High school electives? Cost issues, what is included? How does the tech support work? . Parents as teachers-does it work? Please provide a written summary of your program prior to presentation.

If you have more questions you want asked, get them in before Monday. Monday this list will go to the reps. we will provide info for people coming to the conference.

FYI--Dolly can set up an account with Odysseys Ware so you can to play with the program. She would need to set up a login/pass code for you.
Quoted price about \$580 a Learner (after 25% discount)-----Odyssey about \$650 a Learner.

- Dick-got to visit with Jim Ford-spoke with him regarding the Improvement Plan. There were 6 things that would be up for discussion in our contract.
 1. PPR- Mike needs to detail the rationale of why PPR of 95% is too much. Why should the Vision students be funded at a less amount than those Montessori students?
 2. Funding -70% spent on academic. How would Mike define academic?
 3. Nonsecular curriculum (biblically based curriculum)-You (VHCP) have repeatedly said that you would obey the law in regards to this issue.
 4. Having a district person seated on the Steward Board-This is addressed in the abstract.
 5. Please define the seat time.
 6. Melding the funding- With a program like ours melding the funding with the three programs - who would have the budget authority? Maybe financial control would go to the District Office.

- There are three people from the district working on a contract for the HCP. We have not asked them to do this and when the Stewards asked to be part of the writing team they were told no. Ford suggested that we ask Mr. Clay what the PPR would be –if it is anything lower than the 95% then let them know that we would need to look at other options. All three programs should be on board with the 95%. We need to be united. Dick will send out emails with additional commits on the abstract from others. Ford felt that we would need another option if the Delta VHCP does not get the 95% PPR-you need to be persistent. Just his thoughts.

Group discussion on the possible options for all three programs. Our current state and PPR comment--- Ford said to make a note of the fact that they were told no, the Stewards could not be on the writing team-just as a back up for state info/appeal. WE NEED TO MAKE A PROPOSAL TO STEWARDS INQUIRING ABOUT THE PPR AND DETAIL WHY WE SHOULD BE FUNDED AT A LEVEL LESS THAN THE MONTESSORI SCHOOL WRITEN DOCUMENT OF RESPONSE FROM DISTRICT WITH IN A WEEK. CARYN WILL SEND THIS OUT TO THE STWARDS. THIS WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE NEXT STEWARDS MEETING ON MONDAY.

- Additional Changes to the curriculum portion of the abstract? Not at this time
- NEXT DAC MEETING SET FOR FEBRUARY 14, 2008
 - Pieces to go through on the abstract. Dick will send out the most recent additions to abstract. So do we need to go through the details? Do we feel that we have enough for the application process?
 - WE NEED TO HAVE ONE GROUP WORKING ON THE ABSTRACT AND WHAT IS GOING ON RIGHT NOW AND ONE GROUP TO WORK ON WHAT WE WOULD NEED TO HAVE IN PLACE IN THE ABSTRACT FOR OTHER OPTIONS.

Important dates:

FEBRUARY 14 at DAC meeting at 2:30 --- to work on remaining parts of the abstract.

FEBRUARY 21 at First Baptist Church at 5pm --- Web conference.

FEBRUARY 28 at DAC meeting at 5pm --- vote on a curriculum.