

# The Western Kentucky University Writing Project

## Leadership Team Minutes

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September 8, 2007

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9/8/07 LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

Members present:

**Ann Nance, Laura Houchens, Mollie Wade, Janet Martin, Julie Hale, Anne Padilla, Richard Haynes, Michelle McCloughan, Liz Jenkins, Angie Hughes, Bonnie Honaker, Linda Martin, and John Hagaman**

The Leadership Team meeting opened with members sharing little stories as introductions, such as Angie Hughes' \$100 key and Linda Martin's horseback ride through the Black Hills.

Julie Hale attended the Summer Institute and is the newest member of our team. She was thankful for her experience with the project and is implementing ideas, strategies and lessons in teaching her ESL students. Liz Jensen and Michele McCloughan enjoyed the Advanced Institute Writing Retreat; the group will share their writings September 29 at the Bowling Green Public Library.

Mandy Browning and Shannon Anderson attended the NWP Inquiry Network Summer Institute this summer and are excited about initiating an inquiry group in their schools. They will share at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Institute and recruit teachers for another group which may meet/communicate through blogs.

Bonnie Honaker shared some of the information she is gaining from being a member of the state Writing Advisory Committee.

John Hagaman navigated the KY Writing Project Network, highlighting the writing site. He urged Team members to consult the state Writing Project Network website frequently for news of workshops throughout the state, links to the Writing Projects, and easy access to all state writing documents on a single page (A-Z). The site is <http://www.kywritingproject.org>. He discussed the Site Map for Western's Leadership Team.

NCTE and NWP will be held in NYC this fall. KCTE/LA will be in Lexington this spring. (Feb 1-2). Call for proposals by Nov.1, sent in electronically at [www.kcte.org](http://www.kcte.org).

Laura Houchens and Mollie Wade challenged members to volunteer on October 6 to help with the KWP Conference to be held in Bowling Green. Those who volunteer to help with food, parking, registration table... will be given free registration for the day. **A list of needed jobs is included. Please respond to Laura Houchens at [Laura.Houchens@wku.edu](mailto:Laura.Houchens@wku.edu)** to volunteer your help if you missed the Sept 8 meeting.

Janet Martin was unanimously elected to chair the Leadership Team.

Bonnie Honaker and Linda Martin completed their 5th year hosting the Young Writers' Camp. They shared the anthology created this summer, *Masterpieces from 211*. It is suggested that the writings be added online as a resource for teachers.

Break out groups- Visioning

- 1) Outreach- For summer workshops to make, offer fewer choices (3 or 4) for a whole day. Possibly a mini conference- 6 hours with varying presenters. Schedule before June 1 (Feb – May). Topics: on demand; reflective writing; content area writing; ESL in district; Parents; Pre-Service; Young Writers' Camp; New teacher how to- materials, resources, evaluations... Contact private schools and home school groups with workshop offerings.
- 2) Continuity- Tabled until January meeting
- 3) Literacy Initiative (NWP)- Build more reading and writing connections- more teaching of reading along with teaching of writing integration. Develop collaboration for reading project and writing project participants. John wondered if he should ask Dr. Powers to join our Jan 19 meeting.
- 4) Teacher Inquiry Initiative (NWP)- Ann Nance will collaborate with Mandy Browning and Shannon Anderson. Article for varying purposes of protocols.
- 5) Assessment & Evaluation- Revised survey (begun last summer) on effectiveness of writing project. It will soon be sent out to all Fellows with a request for return after the spring 2007 testing scores are announced.

**Our next meeting will be January 19, 2008.**

Respectfully submitted (and appreciated by all!),

Ann Nance

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