

NAVAJO NATION TEACHER EDUCATION CONSORTIUM  
QUARTERLY MEETING  
PRESCOTT COLLEGE, PRESCOTT, AZ  
APRIL 20-21, 2005  
SUMMARY NOTES

SCHEDULE OF NNTEC QUARTERLY MEETINGS:

July 20-21, 2005 - San Juan College, Farmington, NM  
Oct. 12-13, 2005 - Univ. Of Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO  
Jan. 25-26, 2006 - Division of Diné Education, Window Rock, AZ  
Apr. 19-20, 2006 - Fort Lewis College, Durango, CO

- \* Mtg. starts 1:00 PM on Wed./ends 12:00 noon on Thurs.
- \* Use ITV site at NAU for some meetings
- \* Invite Leland Leonard to mtgs.
- \* If no SI05 determined, next meet in Window Rock.

SUMMER INSTITUTE 2005 PLANNING SESSION:

NNTEC unanimously set MAY 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2005 as a critical deadline date for the Summer Institute 2005 (ASI05@) to acquire essential funding commitment for project.

- \* If no funding is committed by May 2nd, NO SI05 would be held this summer.
- \* On May 2<sup>nd</sup> all NNTEC members would be notified via e-mail on the status of the SI05 funding situation.
- \* If not funding is acquired by May 2<sup>nd</sup>, the timeline for the Summer Institute would be rescheduled for Summer 2006.

THE ARIZONA SUMMER INSTITUTE 2005

- \* Cancelled due to no funding retained.
- \* Need identify Arizona point person
- \* Site needs to be identified
- \* Therefore Focus on NM

THE NEW MEXICO SUMMER INSTITUTE 2005

Location: Navajo Preparatory School, Inc.  
Farmington, New Mexico  
\* Betty Ojaye is contact person

Dates: July 11-22, 2005

Theme: Summer Selected Science Scholars

Vision: Building capacity of Navajo educators through collaborative teacher education and grant

projects.

Participants: 40 High School Junior Students

Funding Source: State of New Mexico

Faculty: 4 faculty have been identified; 2 each in math & science.

Coordinator: No yet retained

Liability Issues: Needs to be researched

Course Credit: Available through Fort Lewis College  
3 Credits for ED 190  
AExploring Science & Math Education@

Schools Targeted: New Mexico Public High Schools

Student Selection: By recommendations from H.S. counselors

Criteria for Counselors to Select SI05 Students:

- (1) Navajo Student;
- (2) High School Junior; and
- (3) Potential to become math & science teachers.

Evaluation Component:

- a. Dependent upon funding
- b. UNM has identified Graduate Student in American Indian Studies as potential evaluation consultant
- c. Longitudinal study (2 year follow-up study)
- d. Develops brochure & documents

NNTEC STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

NNTEC PRIORITIES FOR 2005-2006:

1. Elevate the status of the teaching profession.
2. Authentic curriculum & instructional approaches that reflect Navajo language and culture.
3. Collaboration with other organizations to develop a menu of career choices for Navajo youth. Focus on students in math and science courses.
4. Create Pipeline:
  - (a) Connect with State of Arizona Education Professions model

- (b) Extend Summer Institute model
5. Actively pursue advance placement and other enrichment options for Navajo youth.
  6. Develop innovative projects that target different audiences and preparation models.
  7. Identify, recruit, prepare, and support High School students to become secondary teachers.
  8. Develop strategies that cultivate excitement among Navajo students to become secondary teachers.
  9. Partnership with established organizations in preparing Navajo students for professional careers.

LONG-TERM STRATEGIES:

- A. Arizona Education Professions connection - (Gypsy)
- B. Invite representatives from BIA, SEAS, and other key stakeholders to NNTEC meetings - (James)
- C. Future: Content Institutions for practicing teachers/locate funding resources - (Vicky Ramakka)
- D. Cultivate Mavis Yazzie, Navajo Preparatory School, as future coordinator of the 2006 Arizona and New Mexico Summer Institute. (ONNSFA)
- E. Develop advance placement (AP) class offerings in schools on the Navajo Nation (Particularly in math & science).(Maxine)

SHORT-TERM ACTIVITIES [Low Cost or No Cost]:

- A. Develop Student Code of Conduct - (Gypsy has examples - send to Rose)
- B. Develop distribution list (Listserv) - (Troy)
- C. Confirmation of Summer Institute Funding: E-mail all NNTEC members on status of funding on May 2, 2005.
- D. Develop a concept for the Television promotional spot and future ITV connections. - (Troy)
- E. Develop a one-page summary of secondary teacher education program (course track requirements) for recruitment brochure and send to Farren by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005. - (All NNTEC members) (Send copy to Rose)
- F. Need RECAP - List of Accomplishments & Summary for brochure

COMMUNICATION:

\* Distribute detailed notes of meeting to NNTEC members within one week after meeting. (James)

DODE LEADERSHIP ROLE:

\* Invite Leland Leonard to meetings. Keep him informed of meetings - provide him with executive summary. (James)