

# DISTRICT REP MEETING MINUTES

**November 18, 2016**

**Attendance:** Ms. Mandisodza, 153; Ms. Disney, 162; Dr. Moore, 167; Mr. Rice, 172; Ms. Bailey-Moss, 227; and Mrs. Dreger, 233. SPEED Staff: Ms. Elliott, Ms. Rossiter, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Chen, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Brown, Ms. DeBruin, Ms. Lillley, Ms. Wouters, Ms. Kinst, and Ms. Norberg.

## **Grants – Kristin Elliott**

On some of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter expenditure reports we received, they included cents. Please do not include cents on the expenditure reports. We report to ISBE in whole numbers only. If you allocate funds in a line and request reimbursement, after you claim the reimbursement do not move that money to another cell. Those funds cannot be spent twice.

## **PARCC / DLM – Kristin Elliott**

SPEED Teachers will be completing the required modules. There are modules for new teachers and refresher modules for returning teachers. SPEED will provide the member districts the PARCC accommodations to enter into their SIS System.

## **STAR Autism – Kristin Elliott**

SPEED hosted the Star Autism training in spring of 2013. The cost was approximately \$300 per person. Participants discussed whether it would be beneficial to host this training again in 2017-2018. SPEED has STAR kits and teachers are using some features as part of multiple methods of instruction. SPEED adopted Peak Assessment for the Connections classrooms which also rely on explicit instruction. Ms. Elliott will send a survey to see if there is interest in looking into this further for 2016-2017.

## **Infinitec – Kristin Elliott**

SPEED is a member of Infinitec which extends its benefits and services to SPEED member districts as well. Ms. Elliott reviewed the Infinitec website and resources it has to offer. Many of these resources are free to SPEED and member districts such as online presentations where staff take a quiz and can earn CPDU/CEU credits. It also includes information on group buys, App reviews, and mandated training presentations. Any staff member can create an account to access the resources. Infinitec also offers professional development workshops on site for a small cost and numerous webinars which are typically free of charge. They also have an equipment loan program at the Tinley Park location.

## **SPEED Equipment**

Ms. Rossiter shared that SPEED also has numerous pieces of OT/PT equipment no longer being used that member districts are welcomed to borrow. District Reps are encouraged to contact Ms. Janet DeBruin for any equipment loan requests.

## **Assessment**

Ms. Mandisodza, #153 District Rep, shared information about Q- Interactive for psychological testing. She has arranged to have her psychologist demonstrate it at the December 16<sup>th</sup> District Rep meeting. The discussion also included the notion of SPEED having assessments available for member districts to borrow. Ms. Rossiter suggested a survey be sent to the District Reps to see what assessments would be most beneficial for our member districts. SPEED could then explore purchasing assessments to have available for check out by member districts.

## **Professional Development**

Ms. Rossiter shared information regarding the ASCD conference she and the SPEED principals recently attended. Several District Reps are planning to attend the LRP conference in Maryland and CEC in Boston. Representatives were reminded to complete the out of state travel form if they are using IDEA funds.

Several districts need Unique Learning: Beyond the Basics and News -2- You training. SPEED will create a CEO Academy to be held after the Winter Break.