Math Book Project

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WKU’s School of Teacher Education teamed up with some elementary math teachers to produce a series of math workbooks that will be used across the country.

Amy Bingham has more in this week’s View from the Hill.

Nearly two years after being asked to write a sex book series on math concepts, Dr. Janet Tassell decided to throw a book release party to celebrate the finished product.

“When we finally see these books in April, is it really here, is this book ours.”

It was truly a team effort. Tassell says after agreeing to the project, she immediately lined up colleagues Rebecca Stobaugh and Marge Maxwell from WKU’s School of Teacher education to help.

“As soon as I knew I had their backing and they would take this plunge with me, we got together and started thinking about who we could put together for a team.”

The team was rounded out with twelve educators that Tassell calls the most talented elementary math teachers in the GRECC area.

“They are teaching full time here at WKU or at their schools. There was no time off, everybody was working full time jobs.”

“It took a lot within to be able to write the problems and review and review and analyze what I thought would be best for students even around the nation.”

Parents and teachers across the country can use the “Explore the Core” series. Each book focuses and connects to the standards for math content and standards for math practice.

“With the new standards we’ve been given, I think we were all in a new place with them. Ig gave us the chance to really know them more in depth.” A collaboration they hope will capture the wonder and fun of math. “We’ve got these children in this mathematical hot air balloons looking over the landscape of all this beautiful scenery. Doesn’t seem possible that we did this.”

With this week’s View from the Hill, I’m Amy Bingham.

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