The Western Kentucky University Writing Project

Writing Advisory Board Minutes

September 13, 2003

The Western Kentucky University Writing Advisory Board met September 13, 2003 at Western Kentucky University.

Those **present** were John Hagaman, Beverly Heady, Joy Buckingham, Cheryl Gilstrap, Tom Stewart, Rogerlynne Briddon, Rich Haynes, Stephanie Martin, Karen Scott, Karen Alford and Kim Taylor.

Tom Stewart was chosen as chairman. Joy Buckingham was chosen as secretary.

Old business: Reviewed old business. John presented the anthology compiled by Project XVIII this past summer.

Reviewed workshops held during the past summer.

New Business:

There has been trouble with viewing the **Writing Project Workshop Web Page**. Possible solutions were discussed.

It was agreed that Jason Dodson is doing a great job publishing the newsletter.

Updates for the **Project flyer** were discussed.

Plans for the **April 17, 2004 annual reunion** were discussed. We decided to consider Stephanie Harvey and Harvey Daniels, Lucy Caulkins, Patricia Polacco, Diane April, George Ella Lyons, Silas House, and Georgia Heard.

Announcements of Inservice Outreach:

September 20: "I'm From Western Kentucky: A Celebration of Our Region in Fiction, Drama, and Poetry for Teachers and Students in Grades 4-12th"

Writing Retreat for October 10 and 11, 2003 with David and Lalie Dick at Donna Vincent's Bryan Lake Campground.

September 27, 2003: "On Your Mark...Get Set...Read!!!" by Kellie Long at Natcher Elementary.

October 1, 2003: "Reveling in Writing: Using the Performing Arts to Pep Up Writing Instruction!" by Laura Rupers at Warren County Extension Service Meeting Room.

October 25, 2003: "Tuning Protocols: Analyzing Student Work to Inform Instruction" by Donna Vincent and Sherry St. Glair at Natcher Elementary.

November 1, 2003: "Technology and Transactive Writing," by Joy Buckingham at Natcher Elementary.

A workshop for November 8, 2003 in Owensboro for middle and high school is being planned.

There was discussion to provide a writing workshop for principals. A list of possible speakers was collected.

It was questioned if we should allow non-project people to present. The motion was made to consider Project people to present first and then if non-project people are available for the particular topic, Karen Alford and Karen Scott will use their professional judgment to determine suitable presenters. Tom seconded the motion, which then passed.

Mini-grants (\$3,000)

Stephanie Martin moved that we scatter the money across various types of projects including Protocol tuning, Focus/Book groups, teacher research, protocol sessions for analyzing student work, scholarships for KCTE/LA, and a category called "Other." The motion was seconded by Kim Taylor and passed. The deadline for applications will be October 17, 2003.

NWP Annual Report

Up to \$40,000 can be requested for 2004/5 (up from \$35,000 last year): Possible suggestions: Technology, Special Resource (Education), Administrative Workshop, non-accountability year, and analyzing student work.

Announcements

NCTE will be November 21, 2003 in San Francisco, CA. Joy Buckingham will be presenting at NWP on November 20, 2003 in San Francisco, CA. KCTE/LA will be February 6-7, 2004 in Louisville, KY.