Introductions
Peter Tromba, Consortium Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. All members introduced themselves.

Review of Feedback and Syllabi for Special Educator Program Changes and Reading Endorsement Proposal

Special Educator Program Changes: Proposal to TSPC-Beth Harn, Emma Martin, Chris Murray

Project Solve is a grant that allowed SPED faculty to work as team and closely examine “what” and “how” they were teaching students, and getting feedback from graduates and community groups. There were also regional focus groups that looked at how the program is addressing critical skills in reading and writing. The proposal is composed of four new courses and the program has been redesigned to try to meet the needs that were assessed in the survey from program graduates and the focus groups. One of the reasons for extending the program to two years is to allow students time for two practicum experiences; one at the elementary level and another one at the middle/secondary level.

Consortium members reviewed course syllabi and the SPED faculty members addressed questions raised by the group.

The proposal was unanimously approved.

Reading Endorsement Program Proposal-Carrie Beck, Jeff Edmundson, Phil McCullum

This program has two specializations for candidates interested in developing their knowledge and skills in multilingual/multicultural literacy instruction, and those who wish to provide reading leadership in data-driven literacy systems. It is a collaboration between two departments in the college, and is the only one of its kind in Oregon and is open to both general and special education teachers. Candidates
will have the opportunity to work with a child one-on-one in the HEDCO Reading Clinic to gain experience, as well as completing practica at the appropriate authorization levels in schools.

Consortium members reviewed course syllabi and the COE faculty members addressed questions raised by the group.

The proposal was unanimously approved.

Peter Tromba will send the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) a signed letter of the Consortium’s support for both proposals.

Future Meetings and Agenda Items

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 5. Send Margaret an email if you would like to add anything to the agenda.