Two-Year Leadership Conference Call
August 14, 2014

Present: John Cech, Sue Jones, Mindi Askelson, Erik Rose, Katie Spalinger, Amy Williams, Heidi Pasek, Rita Kratky, Bernie Phelps, Matt Springer, Bob Hietala, Daniel Bingham, John Garic, Lynn Stocking, Rita Young, Anneliese Ripley, William Rugg

Absent: Mike Simon, Victoria Clark, Stacy Klippenstein, Greg Kegel, Barry Good, Susan Wolff, Karl Ulrich, James Limbaugh, Jane Karas, Amy Verlanic, Denise Runge

Main Street Montana Update (John)
- Working closely with Governor’s Office on Main Street Montana
- Have held a number of focus groups at statewide locations
- Meeting at Fairmont earlier this week, great turnout
- Focusing on Five Pillars, John has been facilitating Pillar One
  - Objectives of Pillar One fit with the scope/work we do in two-year and community college education
  - Hoping to have preliminary report to share during our two-year meeting next month in Billings
- Question posed: Any surprise feedback?
  - All work on initiatives seem to be corresponding to feedback given
  - Support of two-year education is evident

Missoula College Groundbreaking (Lynn)
- Next Friday, August 22nd
- President’s address from U of M
- Mountain Campus to new side of Missoula College
- Reception at noon
- Speakers from all over the state
- Culinary Arts Department will prepare refreshments
- Phi Theta Kappa students will be involved

PLA Taskforce Update (Sue)
- Initiative is three pronged
- PLA webinars are underway, free and funded by Gates grant
- Taskforce is heart and soul of this initiative
  - Broken down into four areas, groups are hard at work on these projects
- PLA 101 Workshops in October in Helena and Billings
- Summit, September 29th, in Helena

Dual Credit Incentive Program Update (Amy)
- Point of contact needed from each campus
- Website is complete and fully accessible
- Conducting dual credit coordinator conference calls
- Working on list serve for educators via e-mail
- Spoken to educators, parents, students—overwhelming support of dual credit program
- Meetings will be held in Helena and Billings

**SWAMMEI Update (Matt)**
- Getting ready to send out a current update
- Courses that have been enhanced but will be offered in a traditional way are in a good place
  - Enrollment is good overall, some waitlists in areas
- Developmental math pilots this summer
- CDL programs started on three campuses
  - Bitterroot had 100% placement of students in the program
- Students are taking advantage of course sharing opportunities
- Option for online courses through FVCC
- BNSF hiring 500 employees this next year, align well with our programs
  - 300 openings will align with oil and gas program
  - Matt in communication with BNSF
  - Suggestion posed to Matt: Connect with Sidney High School, MCC, and DCC
- Business partners have made commitment to this project
  - Partnering with Main Street Montana Project
- Challenges seen are:
  - Financial aid, how to help students with programs that are financially aid eligible
- Next steps:
  - Submit programs to NWCCU and onto the Department of Education
  - Will send policies and procedures manual out within the next three weeks
- Suggestion posed:
  - Incorporate enrollment data and which students to count in the update

**Fall Enrollment Update**
- MCC: Enrollment is up and may exceed last year

**Action Item**
- Katie will work to set up conference call with Matt, Mindi, John, TJ, Jennifer, Mike, and Stacy
  - Urgent: Discuss Sidney High School possible partnership with Williston, ND
  - Engage SWAMMEI to meet those needs

*Meeting minutes taken by Katie Spalinger*