

Paraprofessional Consortium Meeting Minutes  
March 16, 2004  
Jones Center, Salt Lake School District  
2:00-4:00

**The mission of the Utah Paraprofessional Consortium is to promote training and support for paraprofessionals leading to improved outcomes for children, youth and families.**

Attendance: Bruce Schroeder, Marilyn Likins, Carol Harrington, Gail Johnson, Peggy Fratto, Brian Sprague, Jan Pace, Beth Rodriguez, Dianna Avis, Peggy Dooling-Baker.

Marilyn discussed the need for clarification on the State Board approved standards as related to paraprofessionals. Gail Johnson will review the minutes. Once we get clarification our next step is to get the Paraprofessional Standards out to more groups. It would be ideal for Human Resources at the districts to link training to the standards. Many university programs have aligned their coursework to the standards.

The final Special Education Regulations are out and the state rules need to be rewritten by December of 2005.

Marilyn and Dianna reviewed the conference speakers and topics for the upcoming National Paraeducator Conference.

Carol Harrington sent a copy of the PARAGraph and a letter asking for financial support to Title 1 directors. Historically, the PARAGraph has been supported by the State Special Education

Office. The cost to publish an issue of the PARAgaph is approximately \$7,000. We need to find out the contact person for the district and who receives copies. The next issue will highlight outstanding paras, all of the nominees, an administrator and articles written by paras.

The next Consortium Meeting is May 4, 2005 at the Davis Applied Technology Center.