**NJSHS HUNT VALLEY MARYLAND ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS REPORT**

Regional Director’s Meeting, April 29, 2004

Recruitment - Networking Discussion

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Main Points Discussed:

1. Ways to Increase Teacher involvement.
   1. Bring more teachers to NJSHS
   2. Perhaps a teacher award
   3. Workshops at the local/regional JSHS level - It was discussed that people who do workshops should do a video(s)? Mary Lue stated that it takes a good deal of money to produce such a video and a lay person just videotaping one does not work as she tried this. It truly needs to be a professional video promoted by NJSHS.
   4. Summer enrichment programs - find out about them and inform the ALL of the teachers in your region. SSTP was talked about by several people
2. Networking with other science related competitions and opportunities sharing student list, ideas and supporting each other’s programs. A number of programs were named.
3. Networking by involving all Colleges/Universities/Military/Scientific Organizations in local Programs. List was shared by Mary Lue
4. Recruitment using Department of Education and School System Contacts
   1. Every school system has different titles for science/math curriculum directors. Each person shared how to contact these people. Some voiced the opinion that it just boiled down to learning who the best school system contact was and that it may not be the curriculum “person”.
5. Student recruitment/networking
   1. Science Clubs were discussed
   2. How to find research opportunities. Military needs to give a list to us.
   3. Perhaps develop a mentor program.
   4. One individual from out west suggested writing grants for “Summer Enrichment Research Opportunities” such as SSTP
   5. Local awards were discussed and it was suggested that we need networking with other directors to see just how they obtain scholarships for their participants.
6. It was discussed as how essential it was to involve and network with the Military in your region. Perhaps ties with local Military could bolster the ‘educational experience” regardless of Physical Science or Biological Science Projects.

Everyone felt that sharing of all the ideas with others was extremely beneficial and that they always left with new ideas to try.

Submitted by,

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