

**Arts Education Task Force Meeting**  
**July 25, 2003**  
**Hughes Educational Center, Bismarck, ND**

**Members present**

Taylor Barnes, Nancy Bauman, Linda Ehreth, Sue Anne Frasier, Judy Greenwood, Ken Haught, Cynthia Jelleberg, Paul Johnson, Beth Klingenstein, Denese Odegard, Linda Olson, Marietta Turner, Jan Webb.

**Agenda/Discussion**

The featured agenda topic for this meeting was a presentation by Beth Klingenstein, Valley City State University, on two arts integrated lessons developed by Valley City State University (VSCU) students. The lessons resulted from a project assignment that asked VSCU students to develop a summer camp thematic unit for students. The units were *Nation Celebration*, which was a multicultural study of Australia and Ireland, and *Composer Week*, which focused on music from the Baroque and Classical time periods. The units incorporated lessons in arts, science, social studies, language arts and math.

Following Beth Klingenstein's presentation, task force members shared information about additional integrated projects:

- Denese Odegard, Fargo Public Schools, described a 5-day student project she uses from [www.kingswoodcollege.vic.edu.au](http://www.kingswoodcollege.vic.edu.au) with her middle school students called *A Taste of Music*. Her students learn music from another country and then perform a concert; after the concert food from that country is served.
- Paul Johnson, Bismarck Public Schools, reported that many Bismarck schools are doing integrated thematic instruction (ITI) and are in the process of professional development for ITI both at the elementary and the middle school level. The focus for Bismarck Public Schools is aligning curriculum on assessment that produces student achievement. Schools can use the method they choose – ITI is one method being used.
- Cynthia Jelleberg, Turtle Mountain Community College, reported that the curriculum at the college follows a circular pattern based on their cultural philosophy.
- Ken Haught, Dickinson State University, reported that the university uses various models, including team teaching projects and core humanities projects.

Task force members discussed the following ideas as possible agenda topics for future meetings:

- Visual Arts Educators' organization – is this group still active?
- Task force members presenting panel presentations at statewide conferences.
- High school arts requirements.
- North Dakota Fine Arts Content and Achievement Standards (available on the Department of Public Instruction web site [www.dpi.state.nd.us](http://www.dpi.state.nd.us)).