

**Southwest Vermont Science Partnership
Steering Committee Notes
January 20, 2006**

The following people were present and represented the following supervisory unions:

**Lynne Blair RCSU
Tim Gilbert Rutland City
Melissa Flint RNEU
Jean Ward BRSU
Bernie Peatman RSSU
Rebecca Green BRSU
Cathy Farman RWSU**

Minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Steering and task review committee lists were reviewed and accepted.

The web site development is underway. Dr. Gershon and a student are developing an ESA website for the curriculum coordinators. The science will have a direct link off the site. At the science site at this point we envision a grid with the grade levels, GEs, and then a place to link to a performance task and/or a constructed response question with a scoring guide which could be used for assessment. The site would also link to the science DOE.

Task review training occurred November 14th. 10 people, including Gail Hall attended and participated. We have more people who are interested in training so I am going to do a second training on March 14 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm at the RCSU. The following people will be invited to this training.

**Ron Adams
Wendy Picton
Becky Green
Dawn Adams
Chris LaBate**

Please let me know if there are any other people who will be attending.

The actual review of tasks will take place March 22 from 8:30 am until 3:00 pm at the BRSU. Only tasks which have gone through development at the Science Assessment Institute will be reviewed.

This coming Science Assessment Institutes are being held on July 10th in the Rutland region and July 17th in the Bennington region. The course is scheduled for 4 days in the summer and then follow-up day in December

following the piloting of a task written in the institute. The budget for these courses will go before the curriculum coordinators next week.

Concerns over NECAP science testing were spoken of. Each SU is unique in how it reports information back from these meetings and the science network meetings.

March 1st ends the first year of the science partnership. It was decided that Lynne Blair would continue to coordinate the project with the expectation that someone would be willing to take over in 2007.

Jean Ward suggested that we needed only one more meeting for this year following the task review. All agreed and set the next meeting for April 25 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm at the BRSU office in Manchester.