February 18, 2011 Conference Call Minutes

Attendees:
Ron Whitson
Dwayne Pavelock
Rudy Tarpley
Gary Briers
Julie Harlin
Jamie Norgaard

Notes:

I. Suggestions from AGSC teacher Tatiana Richards
   A. New teachers would benefit from a mentor outside of their district
   B. New teachers need help with handling parent concerns and budget
   C. Pavelock suggested mentors will have to make time to call or come visit every 2 weeks
   D. Briers - Should come from outside of the teacher’s FFA district or school district?

II. Alternative forms of professional development
   A. Whitson suggested FFA could put together a web-based video training for rosters to be viewed in September or October, then provide a webinar for questions addressed to Tom Maynard/FFA people.
   B. Briers suggested providing more web-based video trainings to be available when teachers are ready for the information.
   C. Briers suggested videotaping teacher’s conference workshops and make videos available online.
      1. Webinar topics – Rosters, stock shows, and budget
   D. Briers – We need to utilize social networking capabilities to the fullest.

III. University Committments
   A. Harlin – teacher educators agreed to be mentors to entry level teachers and we should model the way for all mentors.
   B. Harlin will be emailing each university to get facilitator’s for the regional workshops.
   C. Briers – What are we going to do if districts do not fund the teacher to come to the workshop?
   D. Brochure – Will be pushed back after April 1.

Next Meeting March 4