

**Elementary/School Age Committee**  
**April 1, 2009**

Present: Sally Belgum-Blad, PACT 4; Trish Sheehan, U of MN Extension; Deb Schmitzerle, Kandiyohi County Public Health; Eric Vogel, U of MN Extension; Cheryl Loge, Litchfield School; Lynn Dwyer, New London-Spicer School

Introductions and thoughts about what we need to cover with Dr. Robert Blum and Dr. Lynn (Michael) Blum on the conference call.

1. Blum call:

- Overview by Sally of progress made so far regarding preparations.
- Promotion efforts within PACT4 and statewide.
- Discussion over the conference facilities.
  - Participants should cluster in the schools or other groups they associate with.
  - Concerns over flexibility of space for group work.
  - Revisit use of the facility. Consider moving entire program to a more flexible space in the activity center of the church:
    - With tables 280-300
    - Without 500
- Review of agenda
  - Discussion on the panel discussion and how it might be done earlier. Move panel to after Bob's plenary in the morning.

Keynote on research and evidence that engagement matters. (45 min)

Remainder of day:

- Creating in schools emotional safety zones
- Behavioral safety zone
- Academic engagemeng

Intersperse presentation with group planning/creating

2. Highlights

- April: Collaborate with community emphasis
- May: Communicate with parents on the importance of learning during the summer and where learning takes place at the mall, grocery store, ball games, vacation, etc.
- No highlights for June & July

May meeting agenda:

- Decide on whether or not to have an August highlight
- Plans for committee work after the August conference.