

Reflections on the conference

- very exciting to meet with other organizations, and see how they carry forward Hahn's ideas – both stimulating and humbling
- difference and similarities
- energy, catalysts
- can now begin to be more involved in each others organizations: this is only a beginning – “discovering a new continent” – foundation, we know what's out there
- tremendous vitality from both young and the more experienced; inspiring; exchange between generations
- friendships that we've formed, cross-generational
- motivation to take action within organizations from young people
- interesting to see perspectives of administrators and teachers for students
- open and inviting, coming to learn, felt comfortable, everyone willing to share
- no politics
- relatedness; like discovering cousins we've never met; reconnections of old friends
- committed, passionate family that includes all organizations
- seeds for the future coming out of this meeting, like original seeds of each organization
- challenge is to stay in contact, continue to share resources, ideas, inspiration
- Pearson: good environment for conference
- “muscles of friendship”
- sense of potential, the promise of good things to come; so many came from so far away; made the journey
- value in bringing people physically together; computers not a replacement, but can supplement the experience

- history of organizations, common roots – mining the potential of collaboration
- realizing the opportunities to assist others;
- interesting to see the vitality of Hahn’s ideas; often not referred to, or sometimes seen as “tradition”; worthwhile revisiting his ideas
- great to have the difference in age, synergy between generations, inspirational
- getting together physically; across organizations; across generations
- look forward to the next step: gathering the information about what happens next; what we might build; sharing of expertise and being a support to each other
- leaving with feeling of hope, that we can make a difference, we can go out and influence lives for the better; hope that is generated by the examples we’ve seen here; share out values
- when students presented, they often defined our direction (more than the “adults”); the young got down to it
- improving Jed’s salsa skills was greatly appreciated by all

Commitments

- To hold another conference
 - o Unless we’re sure positive outcomes from this conference, we shouldn’t hold conference
 - o First order of business at next conference will be to discuss these results
 - o Will need a mechanism to report back to organizing committee on what positive things have occurred
 - o Alternatively, many positive outcomes may never be reported on; less defined than that, intangible; but no less important
 - o Very easy to “drop a line”; just a few lines reported back
 - o Can assume the intangibles
 - o Should we start another series of conferences, when each organization is running their own? Open our “in-house” conferences to the 4 groups
 - o Alternatively, “in-house” conference plus “Reconnections” participants may make the event logistically difficult; also hard to make connections on a personal level with large numbers of people;
 - o Part of success of Reconnect conference was that it was a small conference
 - o RS willing to invite all organizations to send representatives to next RS conference; part of discussion of what we can do together;
 - o OB is also willing to do this for next conference

- Organizing committee to send out email to everyone over next few months, asking everyone to report back in
- Students want to set up a message board, open to internet access, allows easy tracking of accomplishments
- Not just for students – allows open access, so everyone can see what we're doing
- A email listserv would perhaps encourage people to look at website – might be more effective than simply a website
- To maintain the current conference coordinating committee to steer us toward that goal
- To explore the possibility of holding regional conferences
 - Many people would like to be exposed to this experience, but difficult for certain regions to travel
 - Regional conferences would allow us to collaborate on local issues
 - RS UK is already looking at this possibility
 - Organizing Committee should explore this possibility, keep on the agenda
 - May be easier for RS to pull OB and DoE in, to act as the foundation for regional conferences
- To share information between organizations
 - Terry: if a single sheet of news created by each organization, Terry will create a newsletter that would then be distributed within each organization
 - Do this on an ongoing basis (biannual?)
 - One representative from each organization: Keith Clark (UWC); Terry Guest (RS); Rebecca Bear (OB); Rick Ashbee (DoE Canada)
 - Kurt Hahn Archives: offer to support org. with information, and invitation to submit information to the archives; can submit information electronically; would like copies of publications;
- To maintain a presence on the Kurt Hahn Website
 - Information can be forwarded through Org. Committee, or directly to Cynthia
- To review and update the Briefing Notes from beginning to conference
 - Notes created by John H. will be reviewed by representatives and updated
- Could we bring other organizations in? Philosophy applies to many schools/groups
 - Service education becoming widespread
 - Invite like-minded schools in?
 - This would be part of the mandate of the Transition team

Transitions

- timing of next conference:
 - we need to have action, then we can set the timing
 - set a timeline on the action
 - task the Org. Committee with assessing the impact of the conference, evaluating what will happen next
 - 2 year timeframe seems to be a good amount of time; think that value of another conference is already evident; could be negative to rely on impact of conference as criteria for another one
 - turnover of membership might make evaluating actions difficult
 - success of the conference may not simply stem from results of conference; do we base decision to have another conf. on actions alone, or are there benefits within the conference itself; celebrating; reconnecting; broadening of perspectives – impact may be difficult to quantify
 - often administrators who attend conferences across org's; vertical variation is useful; should meet because of this, unique opportunity
 - options:
 - we don't decide on another conference until we see actions from this one
 - we decide to have a conference, regardless of actions
 - we decide to have another conference, but the length of the time will be determined by organizing committee, and based on results from this experience – this option is preferable

Organizing committee will follow through on transition to New team

Nominations/suggestions for team memberships