

**FACILITATING COORDINATION IN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION - District 1
November 2020 – Summary of Activities - John Heiser**

I. ON SITE ASSISTANCE – SCHOOLS-9 College-1 COUNTY PARTNERSHIPS - 4 Virtual *

SCHOOLS – Abingdon-Avon*, Annawan*, Fulton High School*, Illinois Central College*, Oregon*, Putnam County*, Rockridge*, Stark County*, Sterling*, Stockton*,
COUNTY PARTNERSHIPS – Henry*, Ogle/Carroll*, Peoria*, Warren-Henderson*

II. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDED – 4 PARTICIPANTS – 13

- *Agriscience and SAEs Common Mistakes, 2nd/3rd Year Ag Teachers - 5
- *Discussion Group(FFA Week/Volunteers), First Year Ag Teachers(2) - 6
- *Basics of Using AET, First Year Ag Teachers – 2

III. MEETINGS/CONVENTIONS/CONFERENCES ATTENDED – 26

- *Eastern Region Meeting, NASAE
- *Best Practices Professional Development, NASAE
- *Program Work Committee, NASAE
- *Business Session, NASAE
- *Closing Awards Session, NASAE
- *Career Sparks Meeting for the Peoria Career Event for all 8th Graders
- *Ag Ed State Staff Weekly Meeting(3)
- *FCAE Staff Meeting
- *Agriculture Pathways Whiteside/Lee/Ogle meeting
- *Dixon Community Interest Meeting(2)
- *Nutrients for Life Coffee Hour Professional Development(2)
- *IAVAT Curriculum Advisory Committee
- *Webinar Urban Agriculture
- *Webinar Professional Development, ISBE College and Career Readiness Indicators
- *UIUC Lesson Study Meeting
- *ICAE Meeting
- *IAVAT Advocacy Sub Marketing Committee
- *Meetings on Creating an Advisory Council at Morrison and Durand Schools(2)
- *Visited Student Teachers: Hannah Libby, (Mercer Co), Brandon Livingston(Eastland), Nicole Simler(Warren)(3)

IV. MILES TRAVELED – Auto: 0 miles

V. OTHER ACTIVITIES - 8

- Wrote and Sent Email Messages
- Prepared for Meetings and Professional Development Events
- Assisted Teachers with Section CDE Registration
- Assisted Teachers with IFG Grant Resubmissions
- Completed Monthly Reports
- Prepared Presentation Materials for Dixon Community Meeting About Starting Agriculture Program
- Prepared Flyer on District 1 Ag Ed CDE and Began to Line up Judges
- Updated MyCaert Login Information for Teachers

VI. COMMENTARY

This month I participated in the NASEA Virtual Conference. It was nice to be able to collaborate with other state organizations and to hear about how everyone is overcoming the challenges they are facing. I continue to work with a Dixon community group as we prepared to meet with the administration in the next few months to talk about them starting potential agriculture program.