

Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education
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July 2013 Report

On-Site Assistance – (1) High Schools	(0) Community College	(1) AITC Coalition
Boone-Winnebago County Ag Literacy		Minooka HS

Workshops/In-services/Presentations – 3 Participants – 65

- District 2 Horticulture Industry Tour – Ball Seed, West Chicago – 16
- District 2 Vet Science Workshop – ISU Research Farm, Lexington – 24
- Will/Grundy/Kendall AITC SAI panel presenter – District 2 FCAE Office, Joliet – 25

Meetings/Conferences/Conventions – 3

- Wilmington/Reed Custer/Coal City Ag Program Startup, Wilmington
- CASE Teacher Training visit, Pontiac Twp. HS, Pontiac
- FCAE Staff Meeting - Illinois FFA Center, Springfield

Other Activities

- Assisted Principals in recruitment of Provisional teacher candidates.
- Updated STEM Learning Exchange SAE Grant Application.
- Teleconference with new teachers to assist with MyCAERT
- Updated the teacher candidate/vacancy pages on the agriculturaleducation.org website.
- Reviewed and made entries in the teacher and program database website.
- Email correspondence with various individuals in agricultural education.
- Completed monthly reports and weekly activity log sheets.

Miles Traveled - 1119

Commentary

As of the end of June we still have three teaching vacancies, one each in sections 6,8,10. I am working with candidates for each to get provisional certification approvals. I continue to build relationships with schools to consider starting Ag programs, but until we increase our pool of candidates to fill current openings I just can't push new programs very hard. The District Workshops were a big success this year according to the reviews, so I plan to do similar follow-up workshops next summer.