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Minutes-March Meeting of A.M.A.P.S.
March 13th, 2008
At The Harbor Inn of City Island, The Bronx

The following topics were discussed:

- Susan welcomed everyone to the March meeting and thanked Amsco for hosting the event. She introduced the manager of the New York office, Marc Deising. He introduced the entire Amsco team and then the speaker for today, Jessica Alexander. Jessica spoke about the entire program that has been set up regarding the new geometry course. The book that Amsco is providing meets all the New York Performance Standards Indicators, is organized in developmental order and is appropriate for all level students. It has an entire chapter on solid geometry and is based on critical thinking, constructivism and real world applications. A supplemental workbook is available that is aligned with the textbook along with a CD with a test bank. Amsco has partnered with winpossible on a tutoring program online. All the supplements cost extra and are listed on their website. Teacher editions are provided with every 25 books purchased.
- Susan led a discussion on the courses that are being offered after students complete Integrated Algebra. Some schools are going to move to geometry despite the concerns regarding this new course. Depending on their students' skill level, some schools will offer a one or one and a half year course. Other schools are planning to program their weaker students into a 2-year Math B course until they have an opportunity to evaluate the new Geometry course and its' Regents Exam during its first year of implementation.
- To familiarize the membership with the topics in solid geometry, Susan developed a Jeopardy game. Four volunteers were placed into two teams and asked to compete. The topics of the questions were: Compute This, Name That Solid, Relationships, What's The Name and "And Then". The game was played using the rules of the Jeopardy TV show. Answers to the questions included such terms as polyhedrons, dodecahedrons, tetrahedrons, prisms, volumes and mathematicians such as Archimedes and Cavalieri. The game, which was both competitive and fun, was interesting and informative.
- Jeanette Tomasullo-Morelli, Stacy Torres and Carol Ying gave a presentation on the Acuity Periodic Assessments. They reviewed the three assessment types (Regents Predictive, ITA and Pre-Regents), their administrative dates, which students should be taking these assessments and the two versions available. The Math exams are only for students enrolled in Integrated Algebra. Members with questions can call the helpdesk at 866-NYC-6550 or e-mail NYCAcuity@ctb.com

Respectfully submitted: Jim Johnson, Recording Secretary, March 19th, 2008

