The meeting was opened by Rori Carson, acting as facilitator for Lisa Monda-Amaya, who was not able to attend today.

Linda Tomlinson talked about moving the concepts from the present English Language Arts for All Illinois Teachers into Standard 6 of the rewritten IPTS.

Rori stated that we will be dealing with Standard 6 Literacy/Reading today and not with the standards that have been rewritten. She also stated that numeracy would not be on the table today. The group began by brainstorming ideas for the specific wording of the standard. The outcome of that brainstorming can be found within the accompanying document. It was decided that more work on this was needed.

The group looked at the table in the IRA standards. It was pointed out that some of the table is for reading teachers or specialists but other columns refer to general education teachers at different grade ranges. There were two concerns voiced. The first was about what all teachers should know and be able to do no matter what content or grade range they teach. The second was that the standard be written in such a way that the middle school and secondary teachers would recognize that this standard applies to them.

The group divided into two groups representing elementary and middle/secondary school to come up with a list of indicators. The two lists were compared by the entire group and the result is attached.

Several people wondered if this document (the new IPTS) will be used to evaluate current teachers and if so, how all the indicators could be demonstrated, especially the way teachers are presently assessed.

Everyone was encouraged to visit the following web site: http://www.corestandards.org.

We talked about the dates for the October meetings. October 7 had the fewest votes so the group will not meet that day. We confirmed the meeting on October 26, and are asking the members to vote for October 13 or 14 for the other October date.