

Minutes: January 27th PREP Executive Officers
United Technology Center

Individuals Present: Emil Genest, Anne Pooler, Denise Hamlin, David Anderson

A quorum was not present. Those in attendance had a discussion on the following Agenda items. No action was taken on any item.

1. Review of PREP activities which have occurred since the fall meeting

Owen Maurais reviewed the progress on planning for implementation of the Physical Science Grant in grades 6-9. Schools will have the opportunity to have staff take part in training around the implementation of a research supported curriculum. PREP Curriculum Coordinators are receiving ongoing updates on the status of this initiative.

PREP Special Education related service providers continue to provide an outstanding level of service to students in a cost effective manner. Beginning this year Occupational Therapy services have begun to be provided. Owen will survey school units for continuing and additional needs later in the winter.

Staff development activities have been well attended and evaluation results indicate a high level of satisfaction with the offerings.

The Virtual High School Initiative continues to meet the needs of students. During this school year, two additional high schools are taking part.

In December, Guidance Staff took part in a Polycom presentation focusing on Data Management.

Curriculum Coordinators continue to meet monthly to collaborate and plan for instructional development within their units. They identify the focus of staff development offerings.

The PREP Teacher Preparation Committee is developing a format for more ongoing contact between the College of Education and public schools supporting their candidates.

Owen has met with superintendents in the Ellsworth area and provided an overview of what PREP has to offer. At this time, they have not followed up with requesting more information or requesting an opportunity to join PREP.

2. Discussion of Assessments for the 2011-12 school year

Owen reviewed the proposed assessments for school units for the 2011-12

school year. The assessment information had previously been sent to Superintendents and also provided to curriculum coordinators.

3. Revision to the PREP Continuing Agreement

Owen reviewed the rationale supporting the revision. There have been significant changes to the operating structure of PREP over the past 6 years and the proposed agreement takes these changes into account. This agenda item will be forwarded to the April agenda.

4. Next Meeting

The next meeting of Executive Officers will be on April 28, 2011 from 10:00 to 11:30 at the United Technology Center.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Owen P. Maurais
Executive Director