

Teacher Preparation Committee Meeting

December 14, 2009

12:45 p.m. at **Reeds Brook Middle School**

Members Present: Dennis King, John Maddaus, Donna Oliver, Laura Knight, Pam Kimball, Carla Leatham, Mary Smith

Agenda Items

- Reviewed and approved November Meeting minutes.
- SAD#22 PDS Pilot update by Mary & Carla
 - It was noted that the PDS Planning Team would be meeting on Friday to review the semester. Carla noted that things went well as in previous semesters, and for the ERL 319 students it was an eye-opener in regards to the amount of work teachers must do and the hours that teachers keep.
- EERA proposal update – Dennis
 - Will update everyone at next meeting.
- Grants & Funding – Pam
 - Ask Ed Jadallah to next meeting to see what work he has done regarding grant funds and what Walt Harris's office will be able to provide and what our next steps out to be.
 - It was suggested that we need to define (1) what we want to do and then (2) decide where to go get the funding needed to carry out the plan.
 - Suggestions for needed funding:
 - ☞ Induction programs/follow-up for graduates
 - Suggested we ask Jeanna Tuell if their Teacher Evaluation system (developed around the Maine Initial Teaching Standards) is still being used and if it is something that could be used by us as part of an induction program.
 - ☞ Funds for PDS Conference travel & expenses for teacher candidates, faculty, district teachers/admin.
 - ☞ Funding for transportation to schools (but worry about sustainability). What about energy efficient vehicles (vans)
 - ☞ Technology:
 - To get students into the classrooms earlier
 - Vision/scribe laptop – video of students – collect good information
 - Clickers used by students in the classroom (What's the impact on student learning?)
- Evaluation Questions and Data Collection – We'll tackle this in January.
- Field Experience Update
 - Committee members received the proposed revision of Level I Guided Field Experience at the last meeting.
 - Ideas to be considered in the revision:

- ☞ Identifying routines and procedures that help the class run smoothly
 - ☞ Student engagement
 - ☞ Focus on behaviors of the whole class rather than individual students
 - ☞ Identify technology use
 - ☞ Classroom set-up to manage class behaviors and academics
 - ☞ Motivation (internal & external)
- Pam talked about web-based portfolios. Tim is investigating this and will report to the Field Experience Committee in January.
- Dennis noted that he had talked with Sid Mitchell regarding his plans for the Assessment course. He is using the traditional text and bringing in two practitioners to share information about assessments in their work in the schools.
- Questions regarding the Teacher Prep Committee's role were brought up and it was decided that it might be a good idea to invite both Owen Maurais as the PREP Director and Ed Jadallah as the TEF Chair to help us clarify these questions:
 - What is the connection between TEF and Teacher Prep Committee?
 - Where does the committee fit within this structure?
 - What does the partnership consist of? (committees, districts, etc.)
 - What is our mission in relation to these two groups?
- Next meeting will be at Reeds Brook on Friday, January 25, at 1:00. See you there.