

Teacher Preparation Committee Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2010

12:45 p.m. at UTC

Members Present: Mary Smith, Dennis King, Pam Kimball, Laura McKnight, Carla Leathem, Ed Jadallah, Owen Maurais

Agenda Items:

- Reviewed minutes of January meeting.
- Discussion of Teacher Prep direction with Ed Jadallah (TEF Chair) and Owen Maurais (PREP Director) – Our discussion purpose is to figure out what the role of Teacher Preparation Committee is and how it dovetails with TEF.
 - Owen provided a history of the PREP organization to provide us with a better understanding of the initial purpose of the committee and how it has evolved over time.
 - Ed shared his thoughts around some of the barriers to establishing a quality PDS which included: resources to maintain a quality PDS and his belief that organizational structures need to be established to support collaboratives like a PDS. He noted the three strands that the State Department and Federal Government is supporting:
 - ☞ (1) Standards-based curriculum;
 - ☞ (2) Teacher effectiveness;
 - ☞ (3) Evidence-based instruction
 - Clinical Field Experiences
 - Mentoring
 - Induction programs
 - Residency programs
 - Ed sees TEF's next steps as:
 - ☞ Creating an organizational structure – a model that allows for collaboration between theory and practice
 - ☞ Work to acquire “Race to the Top” funds to help with this collaboration
 - ☞ Focus between now and May might be:
 - TEF – will meet to address
 - Vision (goals & objectives)
 - Organizational structure
 - School district needs and what University has to offer
 - Model to show connections between UMaine and Teacher Prep Comm.
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 - Determine districts' status in each of the four areas – what support is given to new teachers in each district?

- SAD#22 Pilot update – It was noted that the sub-committee would be presenting to the SAD#22 School Board on Wednesday to inform them of our pilot PDS project in the district and answer any questions.
- EERA follow-up – Mary reported on the EERA conference she attended in Savannah. Dennis was snow-bound in Maine, thus Mary presented on her own. She enjoyed the many presentations she was able to attend. Those attending her presentation were very attentive and interested in the topic of developing a PDS in a rural district. It was suggested that we have a group from the PDS attend the National PDS conference next year if possible.
- Evaluation Questions and Data Collection – Tabled until next meeting.
- Next meeting: Assessment topic with guest, Sid Mitchell on March 22nd at UMaine in Room 204 Shibles Hall. Parking permits will be sent.