

## Teacher Preparation Committee Meeting Agenda

December 19, 2011

12:45 at UTC

**Members Present:** Carla Leathem, Judy Pusey, Mary Smith, Dennis King, Pam Kimball

### Principals Breakfast

- Prepare and **send by January 6th** “Save the Date” notices for March 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Ask for input regarding discussion topics – give deadline for responses.
  - Based on feedback from last year’s Principals Breakfast, you indicated this format would be welcomed again this year. Last time the focus of our discussion was on the “value-added factor” of our UMaine relationship with partner schools.
  - **NOW** – Check with Steve Bowen’s Office to see if he could come to talk about the Race to the Top Waiver proposal and the connection to Teacher/Administrator Evaluation. How is this playing out across the state and with universities and colleges? (Owen may have a contact with this office through Penquis Superintendents group.)
  - If Steve B. can attend, just ask for future topics.
- Suggest we invite teacher candidates to the session as well.

### Membership recruitment

- Our initial push from Partnership Schools yielded results:
  - SAD#63 – Don Spencer, principal at Eddington Elementary
  - RSU26 – Kim Oldenburgh, grade 2 teacher at Asa Adams Elementary
  - Dedham – Kathy Lawson, principal at Dedham School
- These folks will join us at the January meeting.
- Lunch will be provided at 12:00. Must have a count by Wednesday (Jan. 18) of the week before the meeting date. Pam will send a reminder.

### Other Business

- Continued discussion of a professional development opportunity.
  - We want to bring more districts to the table and to the Teacher Preparation Committee.
  - The second reason for providing this opportunity is to inform the work we do in the Teacher Preparation Committee.
  - The opportunity must have relevance to what teachers need now. Pam suggested asking Shelly Moody from Williams Elementary School in Oakland to come speak about Individual Learning Plans and how she has implemented them in her classroom. We are suggesting a 2 – 2 ½ hour session with time for feedback and questions.
  - We could also take time during the session to ask pertinent questions about our program, e.g., “How is UMaine doing to insure teacher candidates are prepared for standards-based systems?” “Are our teacher candidates open and flexible in monitoring student achievement

(informal/formal). We could also ask Shelly if she has some ideas of follow-up discussions.

- Mentor Teacher Survey was sent out to mentors along with a reminder about completing the evaluation form for their student teacher. We will see what we get back.

Next meeting: January 23, 2012 from 12:45 – 2:30 at UTC

**If you are joining us for a FREE lunch at 12:00 noon, I will need to know by Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>.**

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting.