

Concord University & Professional Development Schools

State Room/Jean and Jerry Beasley Student Center

October 13, 2016 - 11:30

Minutes

Members present: Sandra Sheatsley – Raleigh County Schools, Terri Gunter – Bradley Elementary, Mary McClung – Bradley Elementary, Leann Taylor – Melrose, Edie Bennett – Melrose, Brenda Thompson – Sun Valley, Ashley Smith – Sun Valley, Rebecca Curry – PikeView Middle, Terry Bailey – Athens, Shelley Weiss – Athens, LaCosta Hodges – Oakvale Elementary, Teresa Inman – Oakvale Elementary, Earnie Adkins – Princeton Primary, Kayla Blankenship – Princeton Primary

Concord University: Diane Grych, Andrea Campbell, Kathy Tucker, Terry Mullins, Anita Reynolds, Kathy Liptak, Kathy Hawks, Robin White, Alison Conner, Kim Nichols

Lunch was served.

The meeting was called to order by Kathy Hawks and introductions were made. The group played a game of estimating the total number of years of experience in the teaching field that was represented and today's luncheon. That number was 495.

Dr. Hawks expressed appreciation for the work that Dr. Druggish has done with the PDS grant and collaboration between Concord University and our partner schools. She explained the unfortunate effect of the state budget reduction which required the number of our partner schools be reduced at this time. She expressed appreciation for all of our schools and hopes to be able to bring them back when resources become available.

Applications are due October 31 for Inquiry Project Proposals. The grant will provide ten \$500 awards to classroom teachers for professional development, a class field trip, or materials to support the proposed project. Applications were distributed.

Dr. Hawks requested our PDS partners join Concord's TEP Advisory Committee, necessary for CAEP accreditation. A meeting of the committee will be announced in the near future. A sign-up sheet was distributed and the following members were recruited: Terri Gunter, Mary McClung, Leeann Taylor, Edie Ann Bennett, Brenda Thompson, Rebecca Curry, Terry Bailey, Shelley Weiss, LaCosta Hodges, Teresa Inman, Ernie Adkins, Kayla Blankenship.

The PDS State Conference will be held in Flatwoods November 15-16. Bradley Elementary is giving a presentation this year. It is not too late to register. Concord will pay for mileage and a substitute for your classroom. The State Department will pay hotel cost. We would like to see Concord represented well at the conference, so please consider attending. We will be working on a new display for next year and will gain some ideas for a high-quality display at this year's conference.

Education author and activist, Jonathan Kozol, will be presenting live via Skype on Thursday, November 3 from 4-5pm in the auditorium of the Fine Arts Center. His lecture on the biggest challenges facing American schools is free and open to the public.

Dr. Liptak presented the WV Teacher Performance Assessment and explained how this assessment will be used in student teaching, replacing the Teacher Work Sample. Concord has adopted the WVTPA (which closely parallels the TWS) versus the other option of additional testing (PPAT) through ETS at a cost of \$275. A copy of the WVTPA and rubric were distributed.

The WVTPA includes a video analysis that student teachers must present in TASK 5: Implementation and Reflection on Daily Instruction. Student teachers will film their lesson presentations and reflect on the presentation. Letters have been provided to the parents of students in the classrooms of student teachers requesting permission for their child to be filmed. This is a pilot semester for the WVTPA and feedback is requested.

Dr. Liptak gave an overview of some of the new CAEP requirements and what Concord is going to be held accountable for including student loan default of graduates, 3-year tracking of graduates, and classroom teacher diversity requirements.

Dr. Hawks asked the group "how can we help you?" Each of our 10 partner schools will receive \$1,000 to be used for student learning. Checks of \$500 were distributed and an additional check of \$500 will be awarded at the end of the school year.

Field placements will be arranged for our students in the very near future for the upcoming spring semester. Please consider accommodating these requests.

Dr. Hawks asked the group to please help us promote and recruit for our Master of Education Program. Brochures were distributed for the 2-year online programs and the Master of Arts in Teaching Program.

Dr. Hawks closed by reading "The Eulogy for the Teacher".

Meeting adjourned 1:30