

PDS Luncheon
Nov. 28, 2017 / 11:30am

In attendance:

Nelson Spencer	Andrea Sullivan	Kelly Druggish
Makayla Charles	Anita Reynolds	Rick Druggish
Sheena Ashby	Julie Midkiff	Diane Grych
Kim Nichols	Terry Mullins	LaCosta Hodges
Summer Garlic	Ashley Smith	Katie Garrett
Allison Conner	Kathy Hawks	Teresa Inman
Sandra Sheetsley	Brenda Thompson	Ernie Adkins
Rebecca Curry	Edith Bennett	Kayla Blankenship
Randy Adkins	Leeann Taylor	Barbara Pettus
Shelly Weiss	Kathy Tucker	Melanie Cales
Julianna Huff	Kelli Stanley	Melanie Meachum
Terri Bailey		Madison Hash

Dr. Hawks welcomed everyone and provided an overview of accomplishments for the 2016-2017 PDS participants.

1. Concord University teacher candidates were involved in several activities:
 - Judging local and regional Science/Social Studies Fairs
 - Professional development with “Project Wet”
 - Working in after school programs
 - Participating and representing CU as members of a student panel at the 2016 Virginia Association of Teachers of English Conference in Hampton, VA
2. Concord University faculty were involved in:
 - Providing embedded professional development at Jaeger Elementary School
 - Providing professional development workshops for Mercer County Teachers
 - Judging Science Fairs, Geography Bee workers, and Spelling Bee judges and readers
 - Attending and presenting at the WV PDS Conference with teachers from PDS Schools
 - Participating in and creating motivating activities for four “Concord Activity Days” which involved the students from four of our PDS schools: Mercer Elementary, Bradley Elementary, Pikeview Middle, and Melrose Elementary.
 - CU faculty liaisons maintain a presence at the PDS schools throughout the year. Many CU education classes are taught on-site at a number of the PDS schools.
 - Global Collaboration and Diversity Symposium 2017 highlighted the collaboration between education colleagues at Victory University in Australia and our teacher candidates enrolled in EPAT (Education Psychology, Assessment, and Technology). CU candidates shared their knowledge with presentations to students from our PDS schools.
 - Pikeview High School Lunchtime Book Club is collaboration between English education teacher candidates, Pikeview High School students, and Dr. Elizabeth Roth, and Dr. William Williams. Over the years the book club has grown and become a highlight for Pikeview High School students.

- Two public school teachers (PDS liaisons, Brenda Thompson and Kayla Blankenship) taught lessons/presented to our teacher candidates on Concord's campus.
3. Ten grants in the amount of \$500 were awarded to PDS partners for action research projects in their classrooms. Dr. Hawks awarded certificates to the following:
- a. *"Manners and More"*- Teresa Inman, Oakvale Elementary School
 - b. *"Science Buddies for Children with Autism"*- Barbara Pettus- Princeton Primary
 - c. *"From Music to Math with the Beat of a Drum"*- Andrea Sullivan- Bradley Elementary School
 - d. *"Ice Dying and Erosion: Capturing Natures' Path in Textiles"*- Julie Midkiff- Bradley Elementary School
 - e. *"Crime Scene to Court Room"*- Leeann Taylor- Melrose Elementary School
 - f. *"Table Talk"*- Kayla Blankenship- Princeton Primary
 - g. *"Learning Math with OSMO Pizza"*- Heather Caron- Bradley Elementary School
 - h. *"Boldly Going Where No Class Has Gone Before"*- Terri Gunter- Bradley Elementary
 - i. *"Balance Balls"*- Brenda Thompson- Sun Valley Elementary School
 - j. *"Alternative Seating-Balance Balls"*- Dona Scarbro- Sun Valley Elementary School

Dr. Hawks announced that the application process has begun for 2017-2018 grants. The deadline to apply is December 31st. Ten grants will be awarded by January 31st.

4. PDS partnership added two new programs:
- Summer reading camp for public school students in conjunction with Concord University Master of Education – Reading Specialist students
 - Concord University Reading Council "Books at Birth"

Goals for 2017-2018:

- We have started a new initiative with Oakvale School - cross grade level classrooms for developmental learning
- Addition of a new partnership school - Iaeger Elementary in McDowell County
- We hope to bring more partnership schools as the budget allows
- Discover new ways of networking with the public schools and Concord
- Continue to be involved in the summer reading camp
- Continue to support the "Books at Birth" program

Dr. Hawks provided information on Concord's graduate programs - Master of Education and Master of Arts in Teaching.

Dr. Hawks asked the participants if they would like to share information on what is going on their schools.

Earnie Adkins – Princeton Primary: Barbara Pettus conducted research in the field of autism on a sensory room. They have started the process of creating this room to be used for any student who may need a calming room and sensory input for different situations. The room is near completion and they plan to buy additional materials as grant money becomes available.

Kelly Druggish complemented Concord. As a liaison, she has received input from many teachers complementing CU students. She currently has a CU student teacher and it has been a joy.

Rebecca Curry provided information on math intervention that is being conducted in an inclusion class.

Teresa Inman – 2 teachers have applied for grants for a girls STEM program. The program is being expanded to align with the new standards for science.

Dr. Druggish shared information the residency model for elementary and social studies majors, and the co-teaching model for student teaching. Both have gained attention from the State Department.

Dr. Hawks distributed \$500 checks to each PDS school to be used on whatever their school needs. An additional \$500 will be distributed in the spring.

Dr. Hawks closed with a poem by Linda Ellis – “The Dash”.

Meeting adjourned 1:30