

Superintendents' Advisory Council Meeting  
April 20, 2017  
Commonwealth Room  
11:30 a.m.

Present: David Whaley, Tami Dandeneau, Jacqueline Hansen, Alesa Walker, Jennifer Earls, Susana Bloomdahl, Robert Lyons, Jimmy Adams, John Settle, Tres Settle, Quin Sutton, Casey Allen, Aaron Collins, John Sutton, Bob Rogers, Bonnie Adams

Dr. Whaley welcomed and thank everyone for attending today's meeting.

Dr. Jennifer Earl's, Director of KATE (KY Academy of Technology Education), informed the committee that KATE is looking at innovative ways to make sure student candidates are well prepared in the area of technology. KATE is also reaching out to the districts to provide training in technological areas. At the present time, Murray School District is receiving training with Google at their site. When planning Professional Development (PD), please keep KATE in mind, training is free to the districts. Upcoming events are (1) using Minecraft as a teaching tool in the classroom, (2) Lego Robotics and (3) CCR (College and Career Readiness Summit). Presently there are 600+ registered for the first day of the summit and 900+ registered for the second day. KATE is also exploring ways to conduct virtual trainings with PD credit.

Dr. Lyons, Assistant Dean, spoke about the Teacher Career Fair on campus during the spring semester, 35 districts were represented. A handout was provided. Dr. Whaley expressed his appreciation to Jeanie Robertson who work with school districts getting students placed. When discussing if we should continue with the fair in the fall, one superintendent expressed that he likes the fall event better for his district, he has hired two teachers during the fall event to begin teaching in January. It was also noted that Dr. Lyons calling and reminding them of the fair was appreciated. Jimmy Adams, Executive Director of the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) stated he would also like to be notified of future Teacher Career Fairs on campus.

Dr. Lyons continued with the meeting by informing the committee of the Undergraduate Core Redesign, a handout was provided. The college is looking for volunteers from each school district to look at curriculum/assessment. The purpose of the UG Core Redesign is to ensure standard outcomes across programs in terms of key knowledge, skills, and dispositions.

Dr. Lyons spoke of Professional Development School efforts, handouts were provided. The Middle School program started a pilot study with seven students. The students started the first day of the middle school calendar, not MSU's first day, to better understand the entire experience of a teacher from the first day of school until the last day prior to Christmas break. The extra time the student is in the school (before the semester begins and after it ends) is donated time by the MSU student. Feedback has been positive. It has been beneficial for teacher candidates to see the classroom from the very first day of class rather than coming in after school has been in session for

several weeks. No formal evaluation has been completed. Dr. Gomez, an Adolescent and Career and Special Education faculty member, is driving this initiative for the middle school program. Dr. Hansen is working with Clark Elementary in Paducah for elementary teacher candidates. Marshall County is on target to begin the following year. Although there is nothing in place for the secondary programs at this time, in the near future this should take place as well. This appears to be the most comprehensive way to allow teacher candidates to be involved in the entire school experience and may eventually all students complete this program in this manner.

Dr. Whaley asked the superintendents if we, the college, are asking too much of the schools. He stated, the College of Education and Human Services wants to be involved in the schools and to help in any way, but does not want to be intrusive in the schools. Should we be going to someone besides the superintendent? One superintendent felt that a principal or someone in the school could answer this question more appropriately as they are the ones working directly with the MSU students. The superintendent thought it would be good idea to have principals to attend these advisory council meetings. Several stated that they did not believe the college is overstepping in the schools. It was also noted that one school district, Ballard County, would like more involvement.

Mr. Adams discussed the EPSB policy which states that a student cannot student teach in the school district in which they graduated. This EPSB regulation is no longer be applicable at the EPSB level. Mr. Adams also discussed the issue of compensation from school districts while the student is student teaching. This has been reviewed by the State Attorney General's office and the resulting judgment is that student candidates may work in the school setting as a coach, etc. and receive compensation.

Dr. Whaley reiterated that KATE and TQI are always available to assist the districts with PD and training. It is an open-ended offer to help any way.

Dr. Whaley explained some of the financial complexities that have challenged the college/university this year and possibly next year. He closed the meeting with congratulating Bob Rogers and Quin Sutton on their retirement and thanked them for their participation in the past.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm