

MINUTES

School of Education Meeting

Friday, March 5, 2010

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Meeting commenced at 11:30 am

In attendance, Dr. Eileen DeLuca, Prof. Joyce Rollins, Prof. Elaine Schaeffer, Prof. Peggy Van Voorhis, Dr. William Dwyer, Dr. Christy Duda, Dr. Erin Harrel.

I. Successes and Accomplishments

1. Prof. Schaeffer shared that Lois Lowry will be the Keynote Speaker for the Lee Bennett Hopkins Writers' Institute on Saturday, 10/16/10. The current site is the new auditorium in Building A.
2. Prof. Rollins shared that she will be attending the Florida Fund for Minority Teachers Conference this weekend in Orlando. A number of Scholars will be attending this special event with her. Patricia Vanderson was chosen as Scholar of the Year.
3. Prof. Schaeffer reminded the group about Flickers (Literary Review of Writing and Art for Children) and Illuminations (Literary Review of Writing, Art and Photography) and a 4/15 Math Workshop being held at Bright Beginnings at the Cypress Lake Methodist Church.
4. A short discussion was held regarding the possibility of a future conference being held at Edison featuring authors, artists, math, etc. sponsored by the Edison School of Education.
5. Dr. DeLuca spoke about the successful Lee County Reading Council Conference (February 27) where she and Prof. Van Voorhis presented and several School of Education teacher candidates attended.
6. Prof. Van Voorhis shared that using Lit Circles in her classrooms was promoting an interest and love in reading.
7. Successes were also shared regarding the March 2nd Read Across America event at the Alice Lockmiller Childcare facility. Dr. DeLuca, Prof. Rollins, Prof. Voorhis and several School of Education teacher candidates read books and engaged in literacy events in the preschool classrooms.
8. Prof. Schaeffer proudly announced that the School of Education has access to \$26,000 through the Lockmiller Early Learning Funds. This supports preK through grade 3 ventures. Prof. Schaeffer asked for input. Suggestions included securing digital cameras, table cloths, hoodies, stationary, travel mugs, Apple I Pads, lamination materials, display cases, Smart Board software, "Clicker" game,

a class set of white boards, etc. **ACTION ITEM:** Send any other suggestions to Prof. Schaeffer ASAP.

- II. A Florida Reading Association update was shared by Prof. Van Voorhis regarding the new National Core Standards to be adopted in July, the secondary reading Council of Florida Conference on 5/7/10, and the revising of the Reading and ESOL endorsements.
- III. SWFL Reading Festival information was shared by Dr. DeLuca. In addition to the Story Telling Tent, the Festival Committee gave ESC's School of Education a free booth. Prof. Schaeffer, Dr. Dwyer and Prof. Van Voorhis offered to man the booth. Students will assist also, and crayons and Edison and Collegiate High school SWAG will be provided for the public.
ACTION ITEM: Dr. DeLuca will contact Meg Hawthorne , Shelly Greggs and Jenny Caves. Prof. Van Voorhis will contact Carol Channels.
- IV. **ACTION ITEM:** Prof. Van Voorhis suggested viewing a YouTube video created by Core Knowledge titled Teaching Content is Teaching Reading.
- V. Graduation: Prof. Rollins shared that the School of Education will have eighteen graduates in May: thirteen elementary and five secondary. There should be forty five graduates in December, forty five elementary and one secondary. There will also be secondary and elementary Spring 2011 graduates.
Students must pass the GKT by the end of their first semester junior year and interns must pass the Professional Test before internship and the Subject Area exam by graduation.
- VI. Dr. Harrel shared that both Dr. Thomas and Dr. Walker stated that the School of Education is setting the bar for Edison State College.
- VII. Dr. Dwyer shared the NY Times article "Building a better Teacher" with the group. The article will be circulated. A discussion followed regarding "teacher dispositions" and faculty attempts to integrate positive dispositions into our courses.
- VIII. Dr. Duda shared that she is having meetings with students beginning Monday, 3/15 at 8:00 to determine practicum and intern placements. Follow up meetings will be held on future Mondays and Fridays at 10:00, 2:00 and 5:00.
- IX. Prof. Rollins reminded the group to require students to bring the attendance contract to class after three missed classes. Consistency is important.
- X. Prof. Rollins shared with the group that KDE is sponsoring a program titled "Hit Literacy Out of the Park". The kick-off is at the Red Sox Park on 3/13. Ticket holders are being encouraged to bring new or gently used books to the game. This will be an on-going book drive. The "recycle girls" are also part of the effort.
- XI. Summer Schedule: Faculty will meet with Dr. DeLuca to make schedule requests.
- XII. Course number changes are being made. Syllabi will be on the Document manager after 5/12 and final checks should be done before that date.
ACTION ITEM: Barb will change course numbers on course sheets and online.

- XIII. Faculty shared updates on Assessment Proposals. Dr. DeLuca, Prof. Rollins, and Dr. Dwyer met to work on MAE 4940, EDE 4940 and SCE 4940. A working draft is completed. Prof. Schaeffer and Dr. Duda met regarding EME 2040 a CHD 1220. Prof Rollins and Prof. Vanvoorhis met as well. **ACTION ITEM:** Send drafts of the assessment proposals to Dr. DeLuca by 3/15.
- XIV. Dr. DeLuca was encouraged to share about her recent published article *Unlocking Academic Vocabulary* in *The Science Teacher*. Accolades were shared!

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Peggy Van Voorhis