

Minutes

School of Education Meeting

Thursday, March 18, 2010

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Meeting commenced at 11:30 am

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

1. Successes and Accomplishments

- a. Dr. DeLuca shared news of final preparations for the Southwest Florida Reading Festival.
- b. Dr. Duda reported that Ed Kominowski at the Foundation has told her that the lobby of the Barbara B. Mann Hall will be most likely be available for a mentor banquet from 4 pm to 7 pm on Friday, June 6. This will be confirmed next week. KDE students will be asked to solicit door prizes. The BB Mann Hall will donate a pair of tickets to a performance. Prof. Rollins and Dr. Duda will produce a video to be streamed as well as poster displays. Invitees will include the mentor teachers, interns, school principals and district superintendents.
- c. Prof. Van Voorhis reported that students this term are displaying a great deal of excitement about learning and are showing initiative. She stated that students in her evening class were grateful for the input provided by Prof. Rollins' interns who spoke to their class.
- d. Dr. DeLuca reported that this term's students seem to be calm and focused. There appears to be less anxiety in comparison with other semesters. This may be a testament to the faculty and the department's efforts to make policies and procedures clear.
- e. Prof. Rollins reported on a successful activity with her interns in which each one was asked to list each student in their class, their siblings, their favorites, etc. Through this exercise the teacher candidtes voiced their realization that they tended to focus on the outgoing children in their classrooms but did not know as much about the quieter children and the importance of connecting with every child.
- f. Prof. Rollins also reported that 11 out of 13 students have passed the rigorous K – 6 Sunshine exams. All students have passed the Pro Ed test and students stated that they felt well prepared for these exams.

- a. Most have been received. SCE 4940 and EDE 4940 still need to be submitted.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Elaine Schaeffer

