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School of Education Meeting Thursday, 2/4/2010

Meeting commenced at 12:30 PM.

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

- I. Dr. DeLuca welcomed the faculty and asked for discussion regarding successes and new ideas. Peggy Van Voorhis mentioned that she built a "just marvelous" power point. She also shared her volunteer experience at Fort Myers Middle Academy. She has, in hopes of increasing regular attendance within the group, organized a field trip to Edison. Elaine Schaeffer shared February 8-11 CAM is hosting Graffiti Art on the 1st floor in Rush Library. The event will continue Monday through Thursday 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. Help is welcomed. The student literary magazine will be coming out in the spring. Holocaust week will be March 22-26. The focus of the week is "Holocaust through the Arts."
- II. Dr. Dwyer discussed the positive aspects for the students in EDG3410 within a classroom environment. Dr. Deluca voiced some ideas about ways to get mentors excited to open their calendars and accept students needing field experience, as well as, students that are required to interview experienced teachers in regards to class management.
- III. Elaine Schaeffer suggested contact with Golden Apple Teachers and National Board Teachers. These two groups of teachers are historically eager to help teacher candidates. It was also mentioned that the League of Retired Teachers and various principals throughout Lee County are very willing to come in and speak to our teacher candidates.
- IV. Dr. Harrel commented on the overwhelming response that the Colligate High School has gotten. There are to date, 736 guests that have responded to the open house invitations. On 2/11/2010, the open house will expect 350 people in attendance. Dr. Dwyer has created a packet of information for the guest in regards to the STEM focus of the high school.
- V. Discussion was shared about Edison students attending class at Fort Myers Middle. At this point, the continued use of the facility will be evaluated using a pre and post surveys. The Edison students are appreciative of the convenience for field experience hours.

Minutes submitted by Christy Duda

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