

President's Commission on Teacher Education

June 6, 2013

7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Foundation Boardroom

Meeting Minutes

Present: Laura Alamillo, Paul Beare, Ginny Boris, Diana Dille, Carol Fry Bohlin, Ginny Hovsepian, James Marshall, Janell Morillo, Sherri Nakashima, Colleen Torgerson, John Welty, and Larry Wilder

Guest: Robyn Castillo for Janet Young

The Meeting Minutes from March 21, 2013 were approved as distributed.

Advancing Student Interest in Science and Mathematics – Carol Fry Bohlin (handout)

Dr. Fry Bohlin charted the total math and science credentials given by Fresno State from 2002-2012. Between 2006 and 2012, there was a 264% increase. Ms. Hovsepian expressed her appreciation for the commitment from this committee as an “end user” from the district’s perspective.

Other topics included:

- STEM at Fresno State Website
- Liberal Studies STEM Concentration – excited about presenting this new concentration area.
- STEM Learning in Action Conference – 14 Fresno State faculty members presented at this statewide conference.
- COMET – view the website for detailed information <http://comet.cmpso.org>
- Circuit Science – grades 3-6 activities at the Downing Planetarium May 22-23
- MSTI – full range of workshops available – free for Fresno State students and reduced cost for teachers.
- Summer Camps for K-12 students – many being offered on campus this summer.
- Math/Science Experiences for K-12 Teachers
- Math & Science Credentials – the Chancellor’s Office reported that Fresno State’s math and science credential production for FY2012 was 91.

Common Core State Standards – John Welty/Paul Beare (KEEP ON AGENDA)

Emailed to committee: *Smarter Balance Assessment for California*
Education Week – Standards Worrying Teachers

Common Core has not yet been infused into the coursework, but that will be done. Dr. Welty asked if the content side of things would be an issue for faculty. Dr. Beare answered not for math people but on the English/language arts side it will be a slower transition. Dr. Torgerson said there have been almost monthly meetings. How we can best help teachers prepare for CCSS is a main priority for KSOEHD. Dr. Boris indicated the challenging part for arts is modeling

after pedagogy. Ms. Dille has observed that the teachers are onboard. They may not be prepared, but they want to be onboard and they are practicing.

Central Valley Educational Leadership Institute – Ginny Boris (PowerPoint and 4 handouts)

2012-13 Highlights

- Rural School Network
- Middle Leaders Program
- Instructional Rounds
- Exemplary Practices Conference
- Common Core Leadership Training
- CCLASS
- REAL

Lindsay Unified School District

- Race to the Top Grant Recipient
- Performance based
- Sharon Brown-Welty and Don Wise, key members of the grant proposal
- CVELI will be the key providers of Leadership Professional Development

Internal Coherence Project

- Begins with a survey to assess how well the school collaborates
- Roles of the Fresno State Faculty and Graduate Students – Day 1 of Training; Day 2 of Training.

Research Partnership with SERP (Strategic Educational Research Partnership) “the CVELI of Harvard”

- Long term goal: CVELI becomes a SERP Partner and IC trainer for California.
- IES Grant Proposal

Zero Divide Partnership

- Leadership and Technology Project for CVELI’s Rural Network.
- Using technology as a catalyst, a connector and an equalizer to engender opportunity.
- Goals
 - Strengthen leaders’ use of technology
 - Use tools to better engage parents & community
 - Improve students’ cognitive engagement

SAVE THE DATES

- October 17, 2013
- January 22-23, 2014
- March 6, 2014

Additional Items

Larry Wilder commented that there has been a petition filed to separate Coalinga/Huron school districts. There will be financial implications for both cities. If Huron gets their own high school it would be a 95% Hispanic high school. If they split, it would be two smaller schools.

Paul Beare would like to open a bi-lingual preschool in the Huggins Center.

Items to Consider for Future Meetings

- Technology classrooms
- Technology tools for teaching
- Matthew Navo – New Sanger Unified Superintendent - invite to join committee
- Nancy Akhavan – KSOEHD - invite to join committee

Adjourned at 8:35 a.m.