

PDS Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2008
9:00-11:15
Bacon Hall 116B, Buffalo State College

Attendance: Leslie Day, Tom McCully, Fran Paskowitz, Tom Sadowski, Nanci Monaco, Karen Drew, Rachel Mooney, Dr. Nancy Chicola, Rosemary Leibowitz, Dr. Ron Rochon, and Amy Bianchi Henchey attended the meeting.

1. **Approval of the April 4, 2008 Minutes:** The minutes from the April 4, 2008 Advisory Council Meeting were approved with a minor addition. The Consortium minutes were approved with no additions.

2. **Old Business:**

Highlights:

- Dr. Nancy Chicola traveled to Chicago where she received the Outstanding Article International Journal for Social Studies for 2007-2008.
- Nanci Monaco, coordinator of Education Foundations will be working on an article and presentation of Childhood resiliency from disasters during her sabbatical this semester. We welcome two new professors for Educational Foundations to teach Childhood Development, Educational Psychology, and another has a background in Statistics.
- Tom Sadowski discussed the new student teaching cohort placements in New York City at PS 3 and PS MS 306 and a school in Toronto.
- Leslie Day, Rachel Mooney, and Amy Bianchi Henchey shared their feelings about the recent visit from the College at St. Rose. It was a day of expressing the importance of having all stakeholders voices heard as well as filled with discussion and questions on how they can create their own PDS. Further collaboration and consultation is expected.

Budget Updates: We looked over the annual report and budget. The EER PDS came in under the projected budget of \$75,000.

Retreat Planning: This year our focus will be on Response to Intervention (RTI) and Differentiated Instruction. Theresa Janczak from the Exceptional Education Department at Buffalo State College. Due to the projected number of attendees we may need to begin an RSVP list to make sure we have enough space for everyone. Once again on September 26, 2008 we will be at Erie 1 BOCES with four breakout rooms and one large room. We will be serving breakfast and lunch. We will be looking for people to present during the breakout sessions.

Tracking of the Website: For Spring 2008 there was a large increase in the number of visitors to our Buffalo State College PDS website, in comparison to other spring semesters. For spring 2008, we had 10,108 visitors to the website. In addition, the creation of the "For Current Students" section proved to be very popular and useful; it received 698 visits for the spring 2008 semester.

3. **New Business:**

Updates from Dean Ronald Rochon:

Discussion included the NCATE review, future PDS position, budget, literacy specialist rural option, teacher candidate ethics, the inclusion of secondary education in PDS and several other topics of mutual interest.

9 Essentials of PDS: In further meetings we would like to create a spreadsheet where we describe how our PDS is accomplishing each of the 9 essentials outlined by the NAPDS and also how we can grow and develop each essential more.

Mentoring the Mentors: Rosemary Leibowitz discussed the summer institute of Mentoring the Mentors. Leslie Day made a motion to make this a priority in our future goals and work to increase attendance over the years, but first starting with one or two PDS schools. She also discussed opening it up to school's teacher centers where teachers could get college credit and also speakers could get paid through the teacher center. This could be a natural way to bring in secondary education into PDS.

NAPDS Newsletter submission: Everyone is encouraged to send an article in for the NAPDS journal. Currently Leslie Day, Brooke Salzman, and Amy B. Henchey under the editing of Dr. Wendy Paterson, placed an article in for the newsletter discussing how Buffalo State College's PDS listens to all stakeholder's voices including teacher candidates. It goes on to discuss how valuable teacher candidates' voices are and what teacher candidates do for our PDS.

Next Summer Meeting: August 7, 2008 on Campus in Bacon Hall at 8:00-11:00 for breakfast.

Fall Meetings: September 26, 2008 (RETREAT), November 7, 2008, December 5, 2008

Spring Meetings: February 27, 2009, April 24, 2009

4. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:15am.

Respectfully submitted by Amy B. Henchey