

Urban Teacher Education Program

Policy Board Meeting

Dusties Buffet
11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
September 11, 2008

Minutes

Attendees: *Mrs. Andree Anderson (UTEP School Liaison), Dr. Rochelle Brock (UTEP Executive Director), Mr. Rudy Carillo (UTEP Option I Student), Victoria Chiatula (Assistant to the Superintendent, Gary Community School Corporation), Mrs. Maria Dalhoumi (Proxy for Dr. Anaya), Ms. Annie Headen (Working Conditions, Gary Teachers Union), Dr. Dorothy Ige (Dean of Arts & Sciences, IU Northwest), Mrs. Kathleen Kutie (District PDS Coordinator, Central High School), Mr. William Kelly (President, East Chicago Federation of Teachers), Jennifer Ooms (UTEP Option I Student), Mrs. Helen Richardson (Principal, The Benard Watson Boys Academy) Mr. Foster Stephens (President, Gary Teachers Union), Dr. Vernon G. Smith (Associate Professor, School of Education, IU Northwest), Dr. Stanley Wigle (Dean of School of Education, IU Northwest)*

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 11:40 a.m. by Dean Wigle.

Approval of May 2008 Minutes

Mr. Kelly motioned to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Dr. Ige. The minutes were approved.

Introductions

New members and guests were introduced. Mr. Foster Stephens is the new President of the Gary Teachers Union. Ms. Annie Headen is the new Working Conditions representative for the Gary Teachers Union. Mrs. Helen Richardson is the principal of The Benard Watson Boys Academy. Mr. Rudy Carillo is a UTEP Option I student. Mrs. Maria Dalhoumi served as proxy for Dr. Anaya representing the School City of East Chicago.

UTEP Goals 2008-2009

Dr. Brock referred to and reviewed the goals handout in the packet. She indicated that she did not accomplish the goals that are in bold print (*see attached handout*).

Accomplished goals included:

- ✓ Applied for grant last year and is currently applying for a Teacher Quality Enhancement grant this year, which is due in a couple of weeks
- ✓ Actively working on recruitment plan for Option I and Option II students
- ✓ Re-establishing UTEP name
- ✓ Will be an article in the Times in a few days
- ✓ Praxis workshops took place over the summer, and will resume September 15th
- ✓ Introduced UTEP associates this year (*Students that have not met all the requirements. They will have help passing the praxis with the workshops.*)
- ✓ Talked w/Attinasi about Option II curriculum
- ✓ Need to pull the coordinators and teachers together to develop curriculum
- ✓ Option I students meet w/Dr. Brock to get the urban experience
- ✓ \$10,000 from last year's budget was set aside to use for the workshop this year

- ✓ Dr. Shirley Steinberg will present free workshop on Friday, September 19, 2008 entitled *Teaching in a Gangsta Paradise: Media Stereotypes of Urban Kids*

Dr. Brock stated the need to have another retreat, and to make final decisions and plans from the previous retreat.

Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Kutie will be attending a Conference for the International Alliance for Invitational Education next week. They will then conduct professional development workshops. UTEP will conduct one workshop per semester for the PDSs, sometime between October and November.

Dr. Brock stressed the need to advertise UTEP so more people can be aware of the program. The cost to advertise in the 411 newspaper is a little over \$100. She suggested advertising in the monthly union newsletters in each district. Mrs. Kutie agreed and suggested including information about the program, enrollment for both IUN and UTEP, and the suggestion to pass it on to other interested individuals.

PDS Block Grants – New Memorandum of Understandings

Dr. Brock referred to handout about PDS governance, and stated that it would be helpful if the PDS agreements were more detailed and specific like the MOUs between the districts in the handouts. She asked for suggestions for use of the \$4,000 block grant. Mrs. Kutie stated that they just received the funds from last year's grant, and has informed principal that it can be used for school improvement. Dr. Brock stated that the districts will receive grant money as soon as our office receives signed MOUs. Dr. Brock would like a report from each district on expenditures prior to distributing the grant for the following year.

Mrs. Richardson commented on the onsite UTEP classroom that has been set-up at the Bernard Watson Boys Academy in Gary. Brock added the use of the classroom would be for UTEP students, afterschool programs, or as a UTEP resource room. Mrs. Kutie remarked that the entire library is also available, and has tons of information. Mrs. Anderson stated that the room at Watson could also be used for professional development. Mrs. Richardson agreed and stated that if university personnel use the room it will be a good way for them to interact with the teachers.

Dr. Wigle commented that there are only five or six math educators in secondary program this year, there are no science majors in the SOE, and no one in state of Indiana currently teaching Chemistry. He hopes to figure out how to convince students to be science and math educators. Currently there is no one to recruit, and we have to work together to resolve issue. Dr. Brock stated if approved for the NSF grant that she applied for last year, it would help recruit math and science teachers. Mrs. Dalhoumi stated that she would like to start a middle school club called Teaching Teachers of America to reach students sooner. Dr. Wigle agreed and hopes the SOE can eventually have that kind of club as well. Ige stated that there are clubs available at the university level which would be good focus groups to collaborate with. Mrs. Richardson remarked the need to follow through on projects because the students need the commitment for the long haul. Dr. Smith commented looking into a plan to take to the legislature about "growing our own", and stated that the concept has to be introduced the Tuesday after the election. He also remarked on the importance to free teachers from traditional methods. In order to add content knowledge to impact the classrooms it needs to be part of the methodology, not just a project. Dr. Ige stated that the science Olympiad is up to 400 high school students per year, and suggested UTEP and the SOE come to Olympiad to make pitch to students about the need to teach science.

UTEP Graduates in each district

Dr. Brock stated that she would like to get a list of all past and current UTEP students in each district. Mrs. Kutie submitted information from E.C. Central, and Mrs. Dalhousi stated that she would provide the information for the other schools. Mrs. Anderson noted that she and Mrs. Kutie worked on lists before, and will look for them to update them. Dr. Brock suggested adding a blurb in the union newsletters requesting all alumni to contact the UTEP office with an update of their status.

Board Meetings

Dr. Brock remarked that the district that hosts the meeting must provide lunch. The schedule is as follows:

UTEP – **November 13th, February 12th, April 9th, and May 7th** at Dusties Buffet in Gary

School City of East Chicago – **October 9th** at E.C. Central Library

School City of Hammond – **December 4th** (location TBA)

Gary Community School Corporation – **January 8th** (location TBA)

Gary Teachers Union – **March 5th** at the union office

Other Business

Dr. Brock announced that five emergency permit people have been hired in East Chicago, one in Hammond, and one in Gary.

Dr. Brock asked that voting members please send a proxy if unable to attend meetings.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:57 by Dr. Wigle.