

CERTIFICATION STANDARDS & PRACTICES
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2006

OCHE Conference Room
New York Building
46 North Last Chance Gulch
Helena, Montana

CALL TO ORDER

CSPAC Chair, Dr. Douglas Reisig, called the Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council meeting to order on Wednesday, March 8, 2006 at 8:35 A.M. CSPAC council members present were: Dr. Douglas Reisig, Chair; Ms. Melodee Smith-Burreson, Vice-chair; Ms. Kim Warrick; Ms. Charla Bunker; and Ms. Tonia Bloom. Staff members present were: Mr. Peter Donovan, Administrative Officer for CSPAC; Mr. Steve Meloy, Executive Secretary to the Board of Public Education; and Ms. Megan Kerzman, CSPAC Administrative Assistant. The following people signed the meeting roster: Darrell Rud, SAM; Bob Clemens, MSU; Cathy Warhank, OPI; Elizabeth Keller, OPI; Mike Miller, UM-Western.

Motion: Ms. Tonia Bloom moved to approve the agenda. This was seconded by Ms. Melodee Smith-Burreson. Motion was unanimously approved.

Motion: Ms. Tonia Bloom moved to approve the March 8-9, 2006, CSPAC meeting minutes. Ms. Kim Warrick seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Peter Donovan provided a review of CSPAC correspondence, which included a couple of press releases.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Items are in the order they were discussed at the meeting.

ITEM 1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT – Dr. Douglas Reisig

Dr. Reisig led the Council in discussing meeting dates, meeting locations, and goal setting. A small discussion ensued concerning the necessity of the alternative certification goal. Ms. Bloom asked about the generality of the goals and if the Council could develop sub-goals. Mr. Donovan agreed to do some research on the background and specifics of the goals.

ITEM 2 BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION REPORT – Mr. Steve Meloy

Mr. Meloy spoke to the Council about BPE happenings since the March meeting. A short list follows: strategic planning and how CSPAC could participate; unified budget and how BPE got to where it is; budget priorities (Cathy Warhank spoke); full-day kindergarten; P-20; obesity in schools; BPE passed a resolution addressing TABOR and the impacts on education; broadband pay system; financial and civic education in schools; MTSBA has offered office space to the BPE in MTSBA's new building; ongoing audit; CSPAC budget. Mr. Meloy answered Council members questions concerning wellness programs in schools and integration programs.

ITEM 3 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT – Mr. Pete Donovan

Mr. Donovan reviewed the meetings he recently attended, especially the NASDTEC annual conference he attended, at which he was elected Vice-President of NASDTEC. He also informed the Council that the MSELC and MSU-Billings will be reporting on their respective research projects at the fall meeting. Chapter 57 also needs to be reviewed and the process will begin soon, Mr. Donovan stated. He also told the Council that the Board of Public Education will be selecting a new Higher Education member for CSPAC. Dr. Reisig thanked Mr. Donovan and Ms. Megan Kerzman for the work they have done and are doing with the Standards for Braille Instructors work group. Dr. Reisig also mentioned the possibility of CSPAC doing something to help retain teachers, mainly somehow through mentoring.

ITEM 4 MONTANA COMMISSION ON TEACHING COMMITTEE – Ms. Melodee Smith-Burreson

Ms. Smith-Burreson told the Council about the upcoming NCTAF symposium, which will be held July 9-11, 2006 in St. Paul, Minnesota. Mr. Donovan spoke about the possibility of disseminating the information gathered at the conference.

ITEM 5 LICENSURE AND ENDORSEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT – Ms. Kim Warrick

The Council held a discussion on teacher licensure based on workplace evaluation, an idea that has been discussed at several previous CSPAC meetings. Several impacts that were brought up were: possible bias of administrators (play favorites, attempt to sabotage educators); enforceability of criteria; portability across states; financial ramifications; more book work for OPI; MEA-MFT does not support any license class that depends on workplace evaluation. The general consensus seemed to be that more research would need to be done before a decision to recommend this type of licensure class could be made.

Motion: Ms. Tonia Bloom moved to set aside, at this time, the idea of recommending the creation of an educational practitioner license classification. Ms. Charla Bunker seconded; the motion unanimously passed.

The Social Studies Broadfield aspect of Item 5 was moved to follow lunch, so Dr. Linda Peterson could be present.

ITEM 7 PLAN FOR FUTURE CONFERENCES

The NCTAF Partners' Symposium was discussed under Item 4. Mr. Donovan told the Council about several other conferences, including: OPI Montana Mentor Institute; Montana Educator Forum; Western States Certification Conference; and upcoming NASDTEC meetings. Ms. Kim Warrick mentioned to the Council the National Indian Education Association conference, which will be held the same days as the MEA conference. Information can be found at www.niea.org.

ITEM 8 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Orientation of new Council Members
- B. Review of By-Laws
- C. Joint Meeting with Council of Deans
- D. MSELC research project report
- E. MSU-Billings research project report

- F. Representatives from OPI from Indian Education division – curriculum, dissemination, procedures, etc.
- G. Committee Appointments

BREAK FOR LUNCH at 11:30 A.M.

RECONVENED at 12:40 P.M.

ITEM 6 PRE-PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – Ms. Charla Bunker

Dr. Linda Peterson presented the latest draft of the PEPPS, which still needs some fine-tuning. Dr. Peterson gave the Council an overview of the changes this version has undergone: translations, American Indian Education standards, and technology additions, to name a few. She stated that sections 1 and 2 will be moved ahead to the Board for approval and the other sections will be “noticed for hearing”. Rule making will be primarily for section 1. Dr. Peterson plans to have the PEPPS ready by September for the rule making process, at which time it will also be ready for the Council members to look at.

Dr. Peterson also gave the Council an update on Montana’s status as Highly Qualified. Montana has reached an agreement with the U.S. Department of Education in which the USDE accepts the “multiple-measures” for new teachers as meeting Highly Qualified requirements. All teachers must meet highly qualified requirements by the end of 2006. Several avenues are being used to help mis-assigned teachers meet highly qualified requirements.

ITEM 5 LICENSURE AND ENDORSEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT – Ms. Kim Warrick (Continued)

Dr. Linda Peterson explained that the Montana endorsement of Social Studies Broadfield is okay to meet highly qualified requirements. The Montana University System is making sure that students have enough depth in the main subjects of history and government; extra courses or professional development may be required in other areas such as geography, economics, etc. Dr. Peterson also explained the point system that the state will be using to determine licensing.

ITEM 9 PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF CSPAC

There was no public comment.

ADJOURN

Dr. Reisig adjourned the meeting at 1:35 P.M.

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