

CERTIFICATION STANDARDS & PRACTICES ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 8, 2020

Zoom Meeting

Starting at 9:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Elder called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM. Ms. Stockton took roll and read the Statement of Participation.

APPROVE AGENDA

Mr. Tom Cabbage moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Barbara Brown seconded the motion. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

APPROVE MINUTES

Ms. Ann Wake moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Tom Cabbage seconded the motion.

Motion approved by unanimous vote.

ITEM 1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT – Mr. Kelly Elder

The Council reviewed the By-Law's reviewing each section for any necessary revisions or changes. No changes were made to the existing By-Laws.

ITEM 2 BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION REPORT – Mr. Pete Donovan

Mr. Donovan reviewed the recent virtual conference he attended held by the Education Commission of the States with National Directors of State Boards of Education. Mr. Donovan was able to hear how other states are dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic, policy decisions being made in other states, and what school looks like across the country. The Education Interim Committee and the 2 Year MUS Commission met the previous week and Mr. Donovan reviewed each meeting. The 2 Year MUS Commission has asked the Board to review the 400 to 1 Counselor ratio and noted that an update will be provided to the Board of Public Education at their November meeting. Mr. Donovan also shared his attendance at the MACIE meeting the previous day and reviewed a presentation he made with Mr. Mike Jetty. Dr. Rob Watson commented on the recommendation from the Education Interim Commission for the Board of Public Education to review the counselor ratio and asked if the Council could have background information on the Counselor Preparation programs at the University level, because if the ratio is lowered, more counselors are going to be needed.

ITEM 3 MSU MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING PROGRAM UPDATE – Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson, Dr. Ann Ewbank, Dr. Ann Ellsworth

Dr. Ewbank and Dr. Ellsworth reviewed the Master of Arts in Teaching program at Montana State University, reviewing the program and noting that students are taking these courses while working full time. Dr. Ewbank reviewed where the students are from across the state, and that the first cohort will graduate in Spring 2021. Dr. Ewbank discussed how Covid-19 has impacted the program, particularly in forcing a one-week residency normally held in Bozeman to go virtual. Dr. Ewbank discussed a federal grant available for teachers in the Master of Arts in Teaching program which offers financial support, new teacher mentoring, and professional development if the teacher agrees to a 3-year time commitment in a rural school. Over 600 schools in Montana are eligible for this grant for teachers. Dr. Ewbank answered Council member questions.

ITEM 4 PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE 2013 REVISED CAEP STANDARDS FOR EDUCATOR PREPARATION AND IT'S IMPACT ON MONTANA'S CHAPTER 58 PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM STANDARDS (PEPPS) – Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson, Malina Monaco, VP CAEP, Matt Vanover, Director of External Affairs

Dr. Peterson briefly reviewed the CAEP Standards and how the Council approves the standards and moves them forward to the Board of Public Education for approval. Currently the Chapter 58 Professional Educator Preparation Program Standards are being revised. Mr. Chris Koch, Ms. Malina Monaco, and Mr. Matt Vanover from CAEP reviewed for the Council how CAEP is revising the standards and a Task Force that has been convened to update language and find where a need to clarify exists,

and how changes at the Federal level affect the proposed revisions. Ms. Monaco addressed the two new standards that have been created, one in Standard 6 which currently exists but now in a new form, and Standard 7. Most of the revisions are language clarity and reorganization within the standards.

ITEM 6 PRAXIS TESTING AT HOME – Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson, Nick Bellack, ETS

Dr. Peterson introduced Nick Bellack from Educational Testing Services, to discuss the PRAXIS Testing at Home option, due to Covid-19. Montana has 34 PRAXIS tests in subject matter areas, 18 of which are available online. To date, Montana has given 110 PRAXIS At Home tests. Mr. Bellack discussed what future testing may look like and is exploring how in home testing can be integrated for the future.

ITEM 5 MONTANA MENTORING AND INDUCTION PROJECT WEBPAGE HIGHLIGHTS – Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson

Dr. Peterson went through the website at the OPI for the Mentoring Project with the Council for information.

ITEM 7 APPROVE CLASS 8 LICENSE APPLICATIONS – Dr. Julie Murgel

Four Class 8 License Applications were reviewed by the Council and approved.

ITEM 8 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Educator Prep Programs for Counselors -program info
Master of Arts in teaching questions regarding admissions, criteria, etc. Asked by Dr. Atkins.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 12:21 PM

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