

SVSU College of Education External Advisory Board meeting

2023 December 8 at SVSU in GN 297 at 7:30 a.m.

Attendance: Tamara Barrientos (SVSU), Stephen Bigelow (Bay City), Colleen D'Arcy (SVSU), Grant Hegenauer (Frankenmuth), Marcus Hillborg (Freeland), Donald Killingbeck (Hemlock), Jamie Kraatz (Saginaw Township), Debbie Lively (SVSU), Jake Lounsbury (SVSU), Matt McRae (Swan Valley School District), Liz Merrihew (Bridgeport-Spaulding), Scott Sawyer (Saginaw ISD), Matt Schmidt (Bangor Township School District), Carl Sztuczko (SVSU), Anne Tapp (SVSU), James Tarr (SVSU COE Dean), Gretchen Wagner (Bay-Arenac ISD), Mark Whelton (Bridgeport-Spaulding)

Welcome – James Tarr

LIFT Conference overview – Colleen D'Arcy (see attached handout)

Henry Ford College – potential partner for incoming education students

- 650 active pre-education students, 90% pre-elementary

Accelerated Certification with Residency (ACR) – Colleen D'Arcy

- Rolling admissions discussion
 - More of a logistical thing for SVSU
 - Concern: districts have starting wages (per union) that coincide with the academic year
 - Colleen clarified that coursework would start Winter semester but teaching would start in the fall
- Integrated approach to pedagogy
 - Anything that will reduce barriers (with reference to candidates doing coursework at the same time as teaching)
- Grade bands
 - Upper elementary
 - Since traditional candidates favor lower elementary, ACR focus could be upper
 - Focus on upper because there are more openings at that level
- Timelines
 - Openings are happening throughout the year
 - Multiples options are possible
 - Ideally a cohort model is better but allowing people in as openings become available helps remove barriers
 - Alleviate taking courses at the same time as teaching
 - EAB requested a Conceptual map of what the process looks like to better see what could be changed when providing input. This will be ready for our next meeting.

*Carl mentioned anyone having an issue getting a year-long sub permit can reach out to him, he has contacts at MDE.

Literacy Specialist - Colleen D'Arcy

- Can use Grow Your Own funding (see attached handout)
- EAB – many districts get literacy specialists through their ISD instead of within district
- When asked about their needs, EAB members stated **Behavior Intervention Specialists** are needed. Also mentioned trying to fill secondary subject areas.

Micro-credential ideas

- Behavior Intervention Specialist
- Home Visitor
- MTSS
- Coaching

STEM@SVSU – Jake Lounsbury

- EAB - So many STEM resources available (many competing with one another) that it's difficult to know where to go to
 - It would be great to have a “one stop shop”
- Jake shared that collaboration is in the works (Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance, Delta, MiSTEM, SVSU)
- EAB Q – is there an integrated curriculum?
- What about AI? Jake is working with SVSU professor George Corser
 - Possible PD
- E-Sports? Many teachers are unable to serve as coaches. Might SVSU connect districts with younger people? SVSU undergrads a possibility?
- Anne T shared that our elementary teaching candidates have a course that includes AI – she's happy to share this module with EAB members

Next meeting date will be in the spring – Dean's office will send out a brief poll

Dismissal 9:00 a.m.