

TEUPAC – SUNY Buffalo State
Minutes: Thursday, June 22, 2021
4:00 pm
Zoom Meeting

In attendance: Rosemary Arioli, Emmett Baggett, Sofia Fanizzi, Selenid Gonzalez-Frey, Tiffany Fuzak, Keli Garas-York, Hillary Kretz-Harvey, Malina Lancaster, Heather Lyon, Fran Paskowitz, Wendy Paterson, Angela Patti, Klihtoo Paw, Antigone Peek, Carmelina Persico, Patty Recchio, Scott Rizzo, MaryBeth Scullion, Finune Shaibi, Kaitlin Sylvester, Mary Wolf, Kathy Wood.

I. Welcome and initial business

A. Introductions in the Chat (name, organization, and role)

Wendy Paterson (School of Education Dean, Buffalo State)

Carm Persico (Assistant Superintendent West Seneca)

Angela Patti (SUNY Buffalo State, Faculty in Exceptional Education Department)

Tiffany Fuzak (CAEP)

Kathy Wood (School of Education Associate Dean, Buffalo State)

Mary Wolf SUNY (Art Ed Assistant Professor of Art Education)

Kaitlin Sylvester (Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, Hamburg CSD)

Mary Beth (Scullion Assistant Super Tonawanda CSD)

Emmett Baggett (PDS Student Rep - Art Education Buffalo State College)

Selenid Frey (Faculty, EELEL Buffalo State, PDS Partner: Niagara Charter)

Kathy Wood-Associate Dean

Klihtoo Paw (Buffalo State College, PDS Student Rep)

Finune Shaibi (Clarence Central School District)

II. Old business

A. Standing reports

B. Updates

1. SOE Dean

Wendy Paterson, Dean of the School of Education

Dean Paterson talked about what is going on in the organization, how the organization relates to SUNY and New York State as a whole. She went on to talk about how structure and intentionality are the keys to the success of the partnership with Buffalo State and its surrounding districts. As a result, Buffalo State has been able to build the longest-lasting, largest, and most well-developed clinically rich practice in all of NYS. She emphasized the importance of creating PD by asking neighboring school districts what they want skillset teachers to have when working at a school district. She also pointed out how far this organization has expanded to multiple departments on campus over the years.

III. New business: Partnership and collaboration

A. All Hands On Deck Initiative for 2021-2022

- This is a new collaborative initiative among all who offer professional development that came from needs from our PDS stakeholders.
- This initiative will go for two weeks with live sessions starting on August 23rd
- One purpose of this initiative is to help prepare teacher candidates who are student teaching in fall 2021 and ensure that they are ready to work with P-12 learners
- The model of this initiative is adopted from the book *Rebound* by Doug Fisher et al. This book emphasizes learning acceleration rather than focusing on learning loss.
- Each session will be held synchronously and available asynchronously in an online format.
- Improving student achievement through accelerated learning, equity, and social justice, social and emotional learning, classroom management, strategies, co-teaching, and literacy and math support are some of the many topics being presented in this initiative.
- Visit <https://pds.buffalostate.edu/> for details and registration.

B. PDS Conference: September 24, 2021

- The conference will be hybrid (Campbell Student Union and using the Whova platform online).
- Conference agenda
 - There will be a poster presentation being held in the morning with and breakfast items will be offered.
 - NYS teacher of the year will also be giving a talk in the morning.
 - A box lunch will be offered.
 - There be three livestreamed breakout sessions in person as well as other online breakout sessions throughout the afternoon
- Further information will be sent via email on this conference

III. CAEP

A. Survey response rates (Tiffany Fuzak)

- Each year students graduating take an exit survey. In this survey, there is a space where they can put another email other than their Buffalo State email.
- A year later, these alumni are emailed another survey called alumni 1.1
- Then three years after this, alumni are sent a survey called alumni 1.3
- These surveys ask questions about where the alumni work
- Finally, a survey is sent via email to the employer of the alumni and has questions directed about that person
- Response rates are at the 10-15%
- Currently, the only means of sending out the surveys is through email.
- Ideas/question to increase survey participation are the following:
 - Emails are sent to every email address that the alumni have on file
 - Surveys sent through email contain information on the purpose/importance of the survey

- The surveys are sent at the end of the semester
- Surveys can be sent more than once over the course of the year
- Emails should be sent by snail mail along with email
- Use current students to help with delivering the surveys to the administration at the school
- Tie the PDS conference to helping with participation with the survey
- Have student/Buffalo State staff in the PDS school interview the principal of that school

https://buffalostate.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/preview/SV_ddqJJSUoV2WLTA9?Q_CHL=preview&Q_SurveyVersionID=current

IV. Discussion

Kaitlin Sylvester said she wants to be involved with the PDS at Buffalo State since she was in charge of staff development and an instructional coach previously and sees the value that programs like this one bring to helping both new and veteran teachers learn.

Carm Persico stated that she enjoys learning about new PD and learning new things. She sees that this partnership could be an important part of supporting teachers and staff.

Hillary Kretz-Harvey said that she is interested in what she can offer to the group along with what she can learn from the group.

Mary Beth said that she looks forward to learning from this organization and is interested in figuring out ways in which she can share her knowledge to help the group.

V. Adjournment

Next meeting of TEUPAC: **July 20 from 10:00-11:00**