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| <b>Teacher Education Council Meeting</b> |
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April 10, 2024

Minutes

1. Announcements

- a. Keep 5/8 TEC meeting on your schedule
- b. Shamaine and Salika working to reopen the Alternate Route Program

2. New Paras to Teachers Program (Stuart Carroll)

- a. \$150,000 grant received to assist with paras to become teachers
- b. EECE and Curriculum Committee voted today and approved to include Early Childhood (one additional course) as a single major
- c. Requirement of 60 hours for Arts & Sciences approved just for this program only
- d. Online/Night courses (money to support faculty who transform their courses this way
- e. 8 week courses instead of 15 week courses
- f. Their credits will be pulled in to work towards 128 credits needed
- g. Requires PARAS to be working in NJ while in the program
- h. Financial Aid available
- i. Stuart is advisor to students / Megan Gordon is point person for now

### 3. STEP

- a. Supervisor Training
  - i. 4 hours contracted per semester so we can do 2 hours of in person mandatory training (August)
  - ii. Book Chats went well this semester
  - iii. Stipend money can be found (hopefully) for seasoned supervisors to mentor new supervisors
- b. Update/clarification about the monies available for student teachers
  - i. Legislation pending for \$7200 stipend for student teaching for CPI & CPII. West Windsor Superintendent attempting to get approval for a \$10,000 stipend for student teaching in high needs areas, i.e., STEM. Selected students only
- c. Reminder to lock any class with practicums registration by 5/1 so students cannot register on their own. See Rachel if they need to register after 5/1
- d. STEP applied for \$3000 stipend this year for student teachers in CPII --- if students owned money for a loan, the money was not given directly to students, it was applied to the loan

### 4. TPA and EDA assessment pilot in Watermark

- a. We passed accreditation, so 7 years before next one
- b. Using Watermark as a pilot this semester --- All CPI and only secondary CPII. Use Google drive to upload rubrics so Corey can put them in Watermark
  - i. For TPA/EDA – proficient and needs improvement or exemplary proficient and needs

improvement? --- Use what you've been using.

Corey will upload what you use for your program

- c. Eileen shared policy manual with new language
  - i. Students need to know that coursework accommodations do not extend to field work, i.e. flexible with attendance does not extend to field work
- 5. What needs to be on the agenda?
  - a. Alternate Path for Career Tech Ed teachers submit application to the State on 4/1 (do not waive 096)
  - b. Students at the finance advisory board asked about \$2000 possibly being set aside for tutoring to help pass Praxis
  - c. Praxis Core scholarship available for Praxis vouchers