

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 7, 2017
Hitch' N Post, Williamston

Called to Order by: Ralph Evans, Director

Members Present: LaKesia Boone, Shawnda Cherry, Catrina Davis, Jacqueline Hargrove, Mary Harrell-Sessoms, Oliver Holley, Yolanda Johnson, Douglas Miller, Jamar Perry, Karen Riddick, and Marianne Russell.

Also present were Ralph Evans and Superintendents Dr. William T. Wright (Hertford), Dr. Monica Smith-Woofter (Northampton), Mr. Matthew Cheeseman (Perquimans), Ms. Yanisha Mann (Washington), and Dr. Anitra D. Wells (Weldon).

Members Absent: Dr. Ella Benson, Shelia Cumiskey, Karen Dameron, Rhonda Holmes, Dr. Shamica Long-Lane, Sonya Rinehart, Tammi Ward, Kristen Watford, and Dr. Shelia Williams.

Agenda: The agenda was approved as presented. (Moved by LaKesia Boone, seconded by Marianne Russell and approved unanimously).

Minutes: The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented. (Moved by Marianne Russell, seconded by LaKesia Boone and approved unanimously).

Budget Report: The budget/finance report was approved as presented. (Moved by Oliver Holley, seconded by LaKesia Boone and approved unanimously).

Information Items: **Director's Report**

- **Calendar Update/Birthdays**
 - Happy **December** Birthday to:
 - Karen Dameron – 2
 - Teresa McCall – 17
 - Kenya Grant – 19
 - Check calendar -- Review Calendar and Update (add new reps birthdays)
- **Membership Dues** – Ralph reminded the group that membership dues were due September 15, 2017.
- **ECU University/school district consortium** – Ralph provided an update on the consortium to develop an induction and coaching model for teacher leaders and principals (October 2017 - September 2018).
 - Meeting December 7 (same as Collaborative meeting).

Regional and Partner Updates

Catrina Davis shared information and upcoming events at East Carolina University.

- Latham Clinical Network meeting 12/6/17 – announced that Teaching Fellows program was reinstated on a limited basis, but ECU was not selected

- Change in process
 - Currently degree and licensure are 2 separate things
 - In maybe 2 months will change to require passing test in order to get degree for education graduates
- Graduation December 15th
- Upcoming PD opportunities will be shared during the January meeting
- Email Catrina for information on potential graduate list (Fall)
- Spring Education Fair February 28, 8:00-10:00 am at the Greenville Convention Center
- Clinical Teacher Conference March 15 at the Greenville Hilton Hotel (for clinical teachers hosting an intern 2)
- Mary Lois Staton Conference

Conversations with Superintendents

The Superintendents in attendance shared their ideas of the type of assistance beginning teachers need.

- Praxis/Pearson test prep
- Lateral entry teachers need more than just the beginning of transferring knowledge
- Help new employees develop ... work/life
 - Often people don't know what questions to ask
 - How to help beginning teachers to build a professional vision
- Professionalism for teachers – people who practice the craft, put them in front of the session
- Professional etiquette
- Understanding the why
- What's the difference between dismissed, terminated, non-renewed?

Other Action Items: 2018 Spring Conference

The Collaborative discussed plans for the Spring Conference. Jason Griffin, NC Principal of the Year will be asked to be our keynote speaker Sunday, April 29, 2018. The group shared ideas about how the Friday night BT Networking Activity might be designed. The conference committee will participate in a conference call January 4, to make recommendations.

Praxis/Pearson Test Prep

This topic was postponed until the January meeting.

Plus/Delta: The Collaborative used a Plus/Delta form to provide feedback on the meeting. A summary of results is listed below.

- Plus
 - Superintendents present
 - Good discussion
 - Discussions made about conference
 - Great attendance by Superintendents
 - Very good suggestions from Superintendents
 - It was awesome to have the superintendents take the time to stop by and to share their concerns.
 - Love the discussion
 - Easy to find location
 - Meetings are always organized

- Delta
 - Crowd small
- Comments
 - Good meeting ☺
 - Thank you for the gift & Merry Christmas ☺
 - I truly enjoyed the atmosphere. Thank you so much for the welcoming experience. Looking forward to the conference.

Announcements:

The next meeting will be held **Friday**, January 12, 2018 at the Vernon James Center in Plymouth.

Adjourn:

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

_____, Director
_____, Recording Secretary