



Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee Name	School Partnership Network – Partnership Advisory Council
Meeting Date	April 18, 2024 ~ 4:15 – 5:30 pm
Members	Bettie Parsons Barger, Charlene Cathcart, Dia Hablutzel, Lisa Harris, Lisa Johnon, Jamie Larsen, Megan Mallery, Trina McFadden, Amber Pendergrass, Alexis Rainey, Michelle Ruhe, Scott Sinclair, Elisa Thompson, and Angela Williams
Members in Attendance	16 (including “iPhone”)

I. Welcome and Announcements – Bettie Parsons Barger

II. NetAPT – Lisa Johnson

- A. We now have approved an alternative-certification program so as you hire new teachers this is a reminder of how this program works.
- B. By the time they finish NetAPT, they will have 15 credit hours towards a MAT program.
- C. Module based and competency based so they can skip modules and move on in the program.
- D. We have creative ways for them to finish.
- E. Link: <https://www.winthrop.edu/ceshs/rex/netapt.aspx>
- F. Rolling admission – People can start at the beginning of each month.
- G. When they apply, we confirm they have passed the PRAXIS for their content area, have an undergraduate degree in that area, and a 2.75 GPA.
- H. After passing the background check and fingerprints, they are eligible for the alternative certification program when looking for jobs.
- I. It takes about 12-15 months to complete the modules. If they have a background in education, they may move quicker.

III. Employer Survey Data Analysis

- A. [Data](#) – please review in advance and ask mentor teachers for their input.
- B. Discussion - Breakout Rooms by grade bands
- C. Looking at Winthrop graduates as a whole – 2024 survey sent out this Spring. Look at data and answer a few questions about strengths and areas for improvement. Does this data match what you are seeing in the field? Record on Google Docs
- D. https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ZeDQEB00Fb76_pcsY7dvt5eVABIY_Yk8
- E. Bettie Parsons – Classroom management and time management comes up a lot. Some of that comes with experience. What direction do we need to go? This is a consistent concern.
- F. Feedback?
 - 1. Megan M. – Kids we receive are so different – some candidates are basing it on their own experience - walked laps during recess – firm mindset instead of growth mindset (student support)
 - 2. Michelle R. – Focusing on their lessons instead of watching the classroom.
 - 3. Haven’t spent a lot of time planning so they aren’t thinking.
 - 4. Focused on delivery not watching kids.

5. Alexis R. - Need parent participation – We are seeing just negative contact instead of first establishing a good relationship. How to bring the parents in?
6. Elisa T. – I’ve noticed in the last 4-5 years; the student population is much more mature and exposed to much more than before. Teacher candidates try to come down to the students’ level and end up becoming more of a friend than instructor. They do more engagement activities instead of core instruction. Let’s focus on instruction and then the fun-engagement activities. We have to get the instruction done.
7. Bettie Parsons – We want them to stay and classroom management is one reason they don’t stay. We want to work on this.

IV. PAC meeting times for next year

- A. [Qualtrics for availability](#)
- B. How do we get the info out like the Diversity conference for your teachers?
- C. We will set the Fall dates based on the majority.
- D. Questions

V. Updates

- A. Newsletter ideas? (send ideas to Jamie Larsen)
- B. [Partnership Network brochures](#)
- C. Banners - WU and school split replacement banner cost – approx. \$60 each

VI. Adjournment

Action Items:

What	Who	When
New school banner for 24-25?	Liaisons	By June 1
Email newsletter ideas	Liaisons	Anytime

NEXT MEETING DATE: Next Meeting Date: Fall 2024 at 4:15 via Zoom

(see website for future dates, agendas, and minutes <http://www2.winthrop.edu/rex/rex/council.html>)