

STAC Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2008 7:00-8:15 pm - SDSU - EBA253

Present: Marianne Stuart, Timothy Tibbs, Bethany Young, Natalie Smith, Stacia Stall, Oliver Mamangun, Michelle Hall, Kate Kranzush, Christa Savage, Carla Mathison

Block Announcements/Events/Information to share

Common Web Site Across Blocks: La Mesa/Spring Valley & Chula Vista students teachers discussed the Alliance Block's **Yahoo space** – We looked at their site that enables student teachers to share their lesson plans and other information with one another on the web. The group agreed that using this or another free program (i.e. Picasso) to share information ACROSS blocks would be beneficial. In our December meeting, we will begin to design common SDSU Student Teacher internet site. We will need to make decisions about privacy issues, appropriate content, most useful content, maintenance issues, set-up issues, etc.

Information about Federal/State Accountability Mandates: This information might help student teachers put ESA requirements into a larger context and relieve some stress.

Master/Guide Teachers' Understanding of ESA Requirements. Would be good to have a bit more communication between Block Leader and Master/Guide Teachers about the “in class” time necessary to devote to portions of the ESA's.

Multiple Subject MATH Ed class – VERY concentrated. In at least one block, will not have time to cover topics in syllabus. Either need more time or leaner content.

EDTECH course. For students who are less familiar with technology;

- the online version of this course can be overwhelming
- if students are expected to take the online version of this course, they would like to know the equipment requirements ahead of time, if possible, so they can prepare

Also, might there be the flexibility for each student to choose his/her preferred delivery mode for EDTECH course and the semester in which they take the course? It was suggested that maybe the EDTECH course could be offered across blocks instead of being ‘block specific’.

STAC Advisor Announcements/Events/Information to share

Carla shared that she communicated the two concerns below to the Block Leaders at the 11/6 CPC meeting:

- more timely information about course schedules and student teacher placements
- opportunities for student teachers to apply for the **30-day Emergency Substitute** classification

- STAC meetings next semester will be on Thursday evenings. We will determine spring semester dates at our December meeting and Carla will communicate those dates to Block Leaders

Carla also:

- shared a scholarship opportunity for student teachers 25 years old plus to be distributed within each block
- recommended *Class Act* , a video documentary about the importance of the arts in K-12 education. (Available through Blockbuster and NetFlix.
- shared her internet site, School Stories, where new teachers share both positive and negative experiences about their student teaching and/or first few years of teaching.
<http://edweb.sdsu.edu/people/CMathison/teacherstories/dp/dp.htm>

- Date of December meeting

Thursday, December 11th, 7:00-8:15 pm – EBA253
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