

## ASU ERZ Professional Education Advisory Council Minutes

April 27, 2012

Dr. Mary Jane Bradley, Interim Associate Dean for College of Education, brought the meeting to session. The meeting was held in the Student Union in Spring River Room and was held from 10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. Dr. Greg Meeks welcomed everyone and asked that each one introduce themselves and gave the Dean's report.

Dr. Mary Jane Bradley gave out information about the upcoming September 6, 2012 Common Core Planning Committee meeting. The following individuals will reside on this committee: Diane Bounds, Mary Jane Bradley, Sally Cook, Jeanne Glover, Tish Knowles, Gina Hogue, Cynthia McCuiston, Reginald Murphy, and Donna Singleton. This group will focus on common core curriculum for grades 3-8 and 7-12. The dates of May 3, 4, and 5, 2012 were given as workshops available at Educational Cooperatives.

Lindsey Spears from Rivercrest High School presented their school's Gentlemen of Knowledge program they have adopted, but it started as "Student Voice". Lindsey told the group she was hesitant about her being the leader for this group, but the students wanted her to lead them in this endeavor. She said since this program has begun, their parent teacher conference attendance has increased to eighty-two percent. Also, students ACT test scores have increased and they are having less discipline problems. This has become a mentoring program for students. It started out as a group for men of minority, but has moved to anyone being able to join. They are starting to think about a group for the girls within their school. Lindsey stated that students take pride in being a member of Gentlemen of Knowledge and their membership has a total of 48 members at this time.

Dr. Mary Jane Bradley announced the following licensure changes taking place July 2014:

- P-4 Early Childhood to change to K-6 Elementary – The Content Knowledge Praxis II Exam will change for this group. They will be required to take an exam that includes math, reading, social studies, and science.
- 4-8 and 7-12 will remain the same
- Special Education P-4 and 7-12 will change to K-12 special Education License
- All licensed individuals will be able to test up a level or test down a level.
- Those licensed in Special Education P-4 beginning this fall 2012 can teach in P-6 without taking a new test. This will automatically be changed and added to their license.

Dr. Meeks gave the update on the ERZ Director search and stated we have to wait to see if we get our grant renewed prior to finalizing this search.

Ms. Sally Cooke of Blytheville School District spoke about the College Preparatory Academy for the Delta. She told the group they have funding for the next three years and will have to reapply for another three years when this time period is up. She said students are required to meet half days for

eight Saturdays during the school year and two weeks for half days in the summer. For the entire three years, the same teachers will follow these students as they move to different grade levels.

Sally gave out the following email address in case anyone had a question about this program:  
[scook@blythevilleschools.net](mailto:scook@blythevilleschools.net).

Dr. Mary Jane Bradley gave out the most recent Strategic Plan Revision, talked about each standard, and asked if anyone had any questions.

Mrs. Cindy Hinson conducted the presenting of door prizes. All members present at the time of the drawing received a gift.

The next ERZ meeting will be determined by the new director.

The following meetings were announced:

**Friday, May 4, 2012:** NEA Regional School Counselor Workshop, ASU Student Union, 10:00 – 4:00

**Monday, July 23, 2012:** Dr. Sarah Armstrong, ASU Fowler Center Grand Hall, 8:00 – 4:00

**Monday, July 30, 2012:** Dr. Kenneth Wesson, ASU Student Union Centennial Hall, 8:00 – 4:00