Educator Preparation Advisory Council (EPAC)
August 18, 2015
CARR 290

Start:
4:10pm
Attendees:
John Miazga, Wendy Storms, Tia Agan, Jim Summerlin, Kimberly Dickerson, Eddie Salcido, John Choate, Daniel Martinez, Janet Ischar, and Hillary Choate

Advisory Committee Training Video from TEA
• EPAC is a TEA mandate.
• Must meet a minimum of twice a year

Items to discuss
• Number of current candidates
• Admission Criteria
• Curriculum
• Program and Curriculum Evaluation
• Input on Field Experiences
• Field Supervision
• Hiring trends in the districts

EPP Accreditation Standards
1. TExES Scores
2. Principal Evaluations
3. P-12 Student Success
4. Candidate Surveys

Accreditation Status of EPP's
• Accredited: Not Rated
• Accredited
• Accredited: Warned
• Accredited: Probation
• Not Accredited: Revoked

Questions
• ESL, how big of a factor is that in hiring a candidate?
  ○ BIG need (SAISD)
  ○ Not a big need (Christoval ISD), but knows this is a need in surrounding districts
• Possible Legislative Changes
  ○ Behavior Interventionist on each campus
  ○ Videotaping of any student without parental permission
• Alternate Graduation
  ○ If student does not pass end of course exams they can still graduate if a select committee agrees
• Is ASU thinking of going to one year clinical teaching?
  ○ We are looking into the possibilities of a two semester placement of candidates, but no decision will be made at this time.

District Concerns
• Trying to find qualified staff
  ○ Spanish is an issue, since they can only test every three months
• Starting pay is an issue
• Code of Ethics
  ○ Inappropriate relationships are on the rise
  ○ Teachers cannot seem to connect the language of the statute to everyday happenings
• Work ethic
  ○ Seen a decrease in work ethic of candidates over the past few years

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