



Central Carolina
Regional Educational Service Alliance
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To: CCRESA Board of Directors
From: Dr. Patrick C. Miller
Date: November 17, 2023
Re: Executive Director's Report

CCRESA Council Meetings

The councils listed below have met since our last meeting on September 29. I have listed the major topics that were discussed for your information.

PIO Council Meeting (October 10):

- The meeting was sponsored by ParentSquare.
- The Council discussed district issues/concerns, including the Parents' Bill of Rights, the bus driver pay provision that was included in the state budget, communications tolls for reaching staff & students in a crisis, and teacher-to-student communication tools.

Equity Council Meeting (October 10):

- The meeting did not have a sponsor.
- Council members continued making plans for the Courageous Conversations About Student Achievement event in Greenville on October 28.

Finance Council Meeting (October 12):

- The meeting did not have a sponsor.
- Finance Council co-chair Paul LeSieur from DPS led a discussion on the implications of the recently passed state budget for 2023-2025.

Joint C&I/TechCouncil Meeting (October 24):

- The meeting was sponsored by Dreambox.
- Allison Reid, Senior Director of Digital Learning and Libraries for WCPSS made a presentation entitled "Generative AI Primer for District Leaders: What, Why, & How."
- Charlé LaMonica, the executive director of World View, presented an overview of World View.
- After the meeting ended, the Tech Council reconvened in the CCRESA Conference Room to discuss data compliance for third-party vendors. Instructure provided lunch for the Tech Council.

HR Council (October 26):

- The meeting was sponsored by Teamtailor.
- Dr. Patrick Miller presented an update on CCP3.
- The meeting ended with an opportunity for members to discuss district issues/concerns.

EC Council Meeting (November 2):

- The meeting was sponsored by Care Solace.
- The Council discussed district issues/concerns, including these questions:
 - Any creative ideas for supporting extreme behavior needs?
 - How are districts supporting/training new EC teachers?

Facilities Council Meeting (November 9):

- The meeting was sponsored by Carrier.
- The Council discussed district issues/concerns.

Central Carolina Principal Preparation Program (CCP3)

Recruitment for Cohort 4 of CCP3 is almost over! The target number for Cohort 4 is 16 students. The application deadline is December 1. Emails to Superintendents will go out shortly after that deadline to notify districts of the potential interviewees. There is a quick turnaround to notify us of any potential red-flag candidates, as interviews will take place in mid-December. In January 2024, Superintendents will be sent an MOU to give support officially, and candidates will be notified of acceptance in February 2024. Classes for Cohort 4 will begin in the fall of 2024.

Coaches for the CCP3 graduates completed training in Cognitive Coaching. The following coaches completed the training: Anna Brady, Dr. Valerie Bridges, Dr. Ed Croom, Dr. Lisa Jackson, Dr. David Lewis, Jennifer Jarrett, Dr. Alisa McLean, Dr. Patrick Miller, Dr. Lakisha Rice, and Dr. Portia Gibbs-Roseboro. Our trainer is Ashleigh Gibson from WCPSS. These coaches will begin working with Cohort 2 graduates in August 2024.

Courageous Conversations About Student Achievement

The CCRESA Equity Council, in conjunction with CCP3 and NCCU, sponsored “Courageous Conversations About Student Achievement” at the Greenville Convention Center on Saturday, Oct. 28. There were 41 attendees in attendance, including the speakers. Catty Moore, the recently retired superintendent from WCPSS, was the morning keynote speaker. Patrick Briggs from AVID provided the afternoon keynote. The initial budget for the event was \$8,000; unfortunately, final expenditures for the event totaled ~\$18,000.00.

CCRESA at SBE Meetings

The following CCRESA superintendents have agreed to attend SBE meetings, per Jack Hoke’s request, for the fall:

December 6-7, 2023: Dr. Steve Ellis & Dr. Stan Winborne

We are seeking volunteers for the meetings in January through June. If you are interested, please let me know.

Conferences/Professional Travel

I attended the following conferences/events since our last meeting on September 29:

- Superintendent's Quarterly Meeting in Raleigh on October 11.
- NCSBA Annual Conference in Greensboro on November 12-15.

I am registered to attend the NCSSA Winter Conference in Greensboro November 29 - December 1.