

NOTES FROM 2022-23 TEACH MEETINGS

[The weather interfered with a planned January 2023 meeting.]

3/17/23

Cc: AS & LP

Dear Friends in TEAC,

We have scheduled another TEAC dinner meeting for Thursday, May 11, 2023, 4:30pm to 7:00pm.

Our primary agenda item will be working together to plan a summer professional development-type workshop for the cooperating teachers who serve Sweet Briar students, from basic field placement to student teaching.

We need your help/input regarding the best time for this workshop *and* about what should be included in the workshop. Sweet Briar and each school district work together to make successful field placements. The three of us at Sweet Briar now have had two semesters to work with you all and you have had similar time to begin to get to know us. We are ready to strengthen this relationship to move forward ensuring these placements come out of working together.

Amelie Smucker, our field placement coordinator, will facilitate our work together in May. We plan to begin the work soon after people arrive at 4:30pm. We will break to get our meal and continue our work in the hope we can finish earlier in the evening (rather than later).

Please RSVP to this email. I will send out a reminder email later.

Thank you.

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5/8/23

Cc: AS/LP

Good morning!

We look forward to working with you at our TEAC meeting this Thursday, May 11. 4:30pm, in Sweet Briar's Prothro, where we met last January.

The agenda for the meeting is attached. After time for greeting each other, of course, we will begin with the business! 😊 [Coffee, soft drinks...are available just outside our meeting room.] When dinner is available, 5:00pm, we will get our food. Then, we will resume the business, anticipating professional development for cooperating teachers. We need to work together on this. Amelie Smucker will be facilitating most of this work.

Please contact me if you have questions about the evening, or about anything related to our work together, Sweet Briar Education Department and your school. See you Thursday!

Respectfully,

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TEAC Agenda for Cooperating Teacher Development

May 11, 2023

Presentation: Clinical Field Experience Background/Context

- Placement progression
- Current partnerships
- Spring strategic planning process and findings

Workshop: Cooperating Teacher Development & Support System

- Intro to proposed CTDS system
- Questions to be discussed:
 - a. Who should be invited to our new professional development workshop? Student teaching cooperating teachers or all cooperating teachers?
 - b. If all cooperating teachers, should we start this year with an open invite and a larger group, or should we grow this group of cooperating teachers over the next several years in small cohorts of 10 or so teachers?
 - c. Should the summer workshop be one day, including lunch, or two days in the morning only?
 - d. What is the best time in August for a summer workshop?
 - e. What is the best schedule for mid-year follow-up sessions?
 - f. How do we prepare and support cooperating teachers who do not attend the summer professional development workshop?
 - g. How can our PreK-12 partners co-lead the workshop/follow-up sessions (CAEP requirement)? Who would be strong co-leads?
 - h. Given identified possible professional development topics, how would you prioritize these, and would you include anything else?

5/12/23

Cc: Amelie; Leighann

Good morning!

Thank you all for coming yesterday evening for the TEAC meeting.

It was good to be together. We know this is a particularly difficult time to be a K-12 educator. We share some of that difficulty at the college level. In "teacher education" we want to be sure we are preparing future teachers for the challenges of the real world! Understanding their mission, goal, and having the persistence to prevail is a heavy lift! 😊 It is so important we work together.

Amelie is writing up the notes from yesterday's discussion. As soon as Commencement weekend is behind us, we will move forward on the planning for an August workshop, verifying dates, etc. As soon as we can, we will get the information out to you and to the others who work with us in Amherst, Nelson, and Lynchburg.

The three of us in Sweet Briar's Education Department are thankful to have this first year behind us and hopeful as we move forward with all we learned during the 2022-23 school year. We are grateful to you all for your partnership.

Most sincerely and respectfully,

Jeannette

Sweet Briar Education Department Director

5/11/23—TEAC notes

Workshop: August 2/3

- Modeling
- Panels representing CTs at all levels
- Before workshop survey needs of participants...

Follow-ups: September/October & February/March

We work with 4 divisions; 48 clinical educators; 37 future teachers; 73 placements