

Nebraska Council on Teacher Education

Nebraska State Board of Education Educator Preparation Advisory Committee

NCTE STANDING COMMITTEE 'A' MNUTES **October 22, 2021**

Officers: Chair – Lorinda Sankey
Vice Chair – Kim Saum-Mills
Secretary – Susan Stake

BUSINESS CONDUCTED:

Meeting was called to order at 12:56 by Vice Chair – Kim Saum-Mills

Members Presents – Peter Adams, Susan Alford, Dana Blakely, Diana Casey, Brad Dirksen, Devin Garcia, Kim Saum-Mills, Nick Shudak, Susan Stake, Kris Swain, Sara Tiedeman, Lisa Wagner

Alternates Present – Susan Byers, Kathy Danielson, Brook Jech, Erin McDonnell-Jones, Kathleen Wheeler

Guest – Julia Reddel

Absent – Vickie Kauffold, Lorinda Sankey, John Schwartz

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Ice breaker**
- Protocol for committee meetings**

The Nebraska Meetings Act was followed as protocol for the committee meeting.

2. Approval of Standing Committee 'A' Minutes from June 11, 2021 meeting

Motion to Approve Minutes of June 11, 2021, - by SaraTiedeman
Second -Peter Adams

Motion passed
2 – abstentions – Dirksen, Wheeler

3. Topics to be Discussed

Rule 21 revision
Teacher shortage discussion

4. Discussion:

A. Rule 21 revision

Support

- 1. The committee supports the Rule 21 revisions for the following: convictions list, for certificate renewals, and alternative program teaching permits.**
- 2. The revisions with certificate renewals and teaching permits will help to address the teacher shortage.**

Concerns

Alternative Program Teaching Permit

- 1. There was a concern about the issue of reciprocity. What are the requirements of teacher education programs and certification in other states? Do they meet the same standards that are required in the completion of a Nebraska teaching program and teaching certification?**
- 2. LB 528 – needs to be more specific, there is concern about the responsibility and requirements of teacher education programs and the need for a process and clear guidelines for the issuance of the provisional, and transitional teaching certificates.**

B. Teacher shortage

The committee discussed possible solutions including:

To review the Praxis 1/ and Praxis 2 tests and the weight the tests carry in determining teacher eligibility. The committee discussed alternate ways to determine basic skills and content knowledge, for example, the successful completion of college classes.

Pay students teachers - a stipend for time planning, managing, and teaching in a classroom.

Create clear pathways that encourage entering a teacher education program. This could be for students, and people who are working for a school, for example, paraprofessionals.

Teacher retention and recruitment programs should be encouraged by educational institutions to understand the needs of both career and new teachers, and to develop a support system to assist in these areas.

Inspire students to think about education as a career at a much younger age, for example, classes that students can attend on college campuses including summer workshops, and STEM activities.

Study data about why teachers are leaving the profession, and why they choose to stay. Is it possible to get data through Gallup?

5. Prepare Presentation for Full Council:

A. Committee A recommendation on Rule 21 revision

Support for revisions to Rule 21.

LB 528 – recommendations need to be more specific.

B. Committee A recommendation on teacher shortage

Review testing of Praxis A and Praxis B – what alternate ways could be developed for testing student eligibility.

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Create clear pathways that encourage admittance to teacher education programs.

Create teacher retention and recruitment programs.

Inspire students to think about education as a career at a younger age.

Study data about why teachers choose to stay in education and why they choose to leave.

6. Adjourn – Time – 12:45

**Motion to adjourn by Sara Tiedeman
Second -Nick Shudak**

Minutes submitted by: Susan Stake