Partner School Discussion
Minutes
April 28, 2008

Attendees: Kitty Crawford, Christine Draper, Lorraine Gilpin, Stephanie Kenney, Betty Nelson, Pat Parsons, Kathleen Tootle, Kimberly Zgnoc

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss ways to affectively establish Professional Development Schools.

A brief historical overview of the Partner Schools initiative was shared. There were originally 14 partner schools. We have had long standing relationships with 16 other schools that have identified Clinical Associates serving as Georgia Southern liaisons. It was recommended that we award all 30 schools with partner school status. These schools all have a strong commitment to hosting field placements and providing clinical practice sites for teacher candidates. Three of these schools are Professional Development Schools (PDS), they are Screven County Elementary, Middle and High.

BOR Policy – Faculty Work in Schools Policy was discussed and will be used to guide this work and support faculty involvement.

NCATE Standards for Professional Development Schools will be used as the structure to implement on-going partnership work in schools.

Seven school leaders have participated LTPS (Leaders of Teacher Preparing Schools) through NNER. This pool of building level administrators is the likely starting point to begin discussions. These leaders are: Pam Goodman – Nevils Elementary, Elizabeth Williams – Langston Chapel Middle, Paige Rountree – Langston Chapel Middle, Karen Doty – Langston Chapel Elementary, Chad Prosser – Statesboro High, Gilda Rackley – Screven County Middle, and Eileen Bayens – Stilson Elementary.

There was extensive discussion about re-establishing active partner schools. Three main points discussed were: faculty with interest, BOR Work in Schools Policy, and the time working in schools must be connected to scholarly work for faculty.