Partnership Council
Georgia Southern University College of Education
Meeting Agenda
April 29th, 2015
3:00-4:30 pm - Mattie Lively Elementary Library

1. Fund Update-Approved: Heather Scott, $XXX, Melony Allen-$500; Katie Brkich-$244.84; Elizabeth Moxley-$799.24; Sylvia Tremble $635, SCCPSS $1530, PMLP $480, Latin Club $520
Current Balance: $6,500

2. New Fund Request- Summer Language Experience Camp for Elementary ESOL Students and Their Families $1850; Tri-Teach $2027.76
*Council was updated on the funds allocated/spent. The council voted to approve both funding requests submitted.

3. Small group updates:
   *Definition/Statement/Goals Update
   *Bruce shared what the state task force has currently defined for formalized partnerships. Christine shared the small group’s work and has asked for feedback to be provided on our current definition. **Council members should consider the state guidelines and send changes/suggestions for our definition to Christine by June 1st.**
   *Partner-needs Assessment Update
   *Marlynn reported that the survey has indeed gone out and that reminders will be sent two additional times during the designated window. Christine reported that over 15 teachers had already registered to win the class set of 20 books. The findings will be part of the white-paper written this summer that will help to frame the Council’s strategic plan.
   *Teaching on-site Protocol, Tracking Form Update
   *Pat presented the updated criteria for new and continuing courses where faculty are teaching on-site at our partner institutions. These processes will be posted on the Partnership website and will be shared with program directors for dissemination at program meetings.

4. Logo- Unveiling of new marketing materials
   *Christine shared the new logos created for the College of Education’s Partnership Network. At this time water bottles, pens, and hand sanitizer have been ordered with our logo. Members are encouraged to utilize these materials for giveaways, for partner support, etc. Christine will have all the materials. Please contact her as needed.

5. Discussion: Notes From the Pressure Cooker: Sharpening Our Professional Edge
   *Council members spoke together in small groups to discuss the article. Small groups reported out their takeaways from the article. Many groups reported that we need to start thinking differently about partnerships. Christine spoke to the group that we have worked through the nuts and bolts and some of the logistics of the charge of the council. Participating in these
discussions will help to guide the council in broadly defining partnerships and future endeavors. Part of the council’s work this next semester will be to participate in a book study during the first few meetings.

a. Michelle Reidel-Taylor County Schools in Kentucky *Fieldtrip??
*Michelle presented to the council about the innovative instructional approaches that Taylor County Schools utilize. They invite interested groups/individuals to tour their facility and to see these processes in action during designated dates throughout the school year. Several council members expressed interest in viewing these approaches first-hand. It will be essential to have a mixture of university, school, and community partners in this group. A proposal will be presented to the council in the fall in regards to this ‘field trip’ opportunity.

6. A. What are schools/programs currently doing to strengthen partnerships?
*Unfortunately the council ran out of time to complete the small group activity. Christine requested that individuals complete this as a ‘homework’ assignment and email the chart to her by June 1st. Please consult with individuals in your school/district and identify what we are currently doing as well as what we COULD be doing to strengthen our partnerships between school/university and the broader community. Please also consider how the work addresses required mandates or initiatives. The chart to complete this assignment is attached to the email.

7. Next semester: Book Study-Understanding Partnerships
*Christine spoke about the different focus that partnership council will take for future meetings. Part of this process will involve a book study to learn more about the broad scope of partnerships. Council members will be provided with Fletcher, Watkins, Gless & Villarreal-Carman’s (2011) book, Partnerships for New Teacher Learning. Part of future meetings will involve participating in small group discussions surrounding this book to expand our knowledge base of what makes effective partnerships.

Next Meeting Mid-September: Please email Christine by June 1st if you are unable to continue serving on the Council for the next year.

**It is essential for members to identify if they are still willing and able to serve on Partnership Council for the next academic year. The meetings will be as follows:
- Mid-September-on campus
- Mid-November-at a partner location (TBA)
- Mid-February-on campus
- Mid to late April-at a partner location (TBA)