



Student WEA Meeting

February 16th, 2009 @ 6:00pm

Reeve 215

- I. Welcome/ Ice Breaker
- II. Executive Board Announcements
 - A. President (Tina)
 - i. DPI Review
 1. DPI is reviewing our system and confirming that we are preparing educators properly. If it passes they will continue to license our education majors
 2. Two meetings: April 21st & April 22nd from 2:00-2:45
 - a. They need 10 students to sit on a panel
 - b. Sign up with Tina
 - ii. Membership Recruitment
 1. Strong organization
 2. Encourage your friends to join because we want to keep this a strong organization with a surplus of members
 - iii. Elections
 1. Voting for State Superintendent
 2. Email Tina to find out which candidate WEAC supports
 3. Elections are Tuesday, February 17, 2009
 - B. Vice President (Nicole)
 - i. Scholastics will be available in the SLIC
 - C. Secretary (Emily)
 - i. Newsletters
 - ii. Apple Bucks
 1. Handed out—keep until the end of the semester for auction
 - iii. Member folders are here if you need one
 - D. Treasurer (Sarah)
 - i. Pen Pals are available
 - E. PR Coordinator (Katelin)
 - i. Relay 4 Life Team
 1. Lindsey Wendorf is organizing it
 2. Meeting sometime this week to decide on a Team name
 3. Email account if you want to join
 - F. Historian (Janelle)
 1. SOAR Grant

- a. Putting on UW Oshkosh Spring Professional Development Seminar
 - b. April 4th, 2009 from 10 am-4 pm
 - 2. Scrapbook available to look at in SLIC
 - 3. Bring in box tops and milk caps
- G. OSA Representative (Brittany)
 - i. OSA Report
 - 1. New positions: web designer, assistant office manager, and part time grad student programmer for RUB
 - 2. \$12 increase in segregated fees
 - 3. DID NOT PASS, positions will NOT be filled
 - ii. If interested in running for OSA Position, speak to Brittany
 - 1. She needs someone to fill in on a March meeting
 - 2. Meetings are Mondays at 4-5 pm
- H. Advisors
 - i. Jim Hoffman—New Co-advisor with Sue Fondrie
 - 1. COEHS Alumni Association Scholarships
 - 2. 2-\$500 scholarships, due Friday, February 20th, 2009
 - 3. Pick up forms in Bonnie's office
- I. Volunteer Committee
 - i. PLEASE attend your desired times you signed up for at schools
 - ii. Scavenger Hunt
 - 1. February 28th, 2009 @ 10-1 pm
 - 2. Need volunteers
 - 3. Email account for more information
 - iii. Classroom Volunteer Sign-up
 - 1. Different sites available
 - 2. Updated sheet available
 - 3. Diversity and disability hours
 - iv. Lighted School House
 - 1. 2:45-5 pm
 - 2. Monday-Thursday at Webster Stanley
 - 3. If you have work study, you can get paid up to \$10/hour
 - v. Best Friends of Neenah
 - 1. Similar to Big Brothers Big Sisters
 - 2. Needs mentors, especially males
- J. RA Elections
 - i. Delegates are...
 - 1. Brittany Mader
 - 2. Brandon Buchman
 - 3. Janelle Brooks
 - 4. Katelin Matelski
 - 5. Craig Spierings
 - 6. Emily Dietrich

7. Nicki Sikorski
8. Laura Rupiper
9. Sara Busler
10. Heather Tuckwood
- ii. Alternate: Megan Koch
- iii. March 18th—RA delegates sign up for Outreach to Teach
- iv. March 19th—All others sign up for Outreach to Teach
- K. Nicole Marmes and Sarah Roswell were voted okay to still be on board even though they have class conflict with member meetings
- L. First/Second Year Teacher
 - i. Holly Cruzar: Bayport High School
 - ii. Alyssa Smith: Bilingual Preschool teacher for Head Start
 - iii. Kristin Knippel: Kindergarten teacher
 - iv. Dana Hansen: Kiel, 7th grade Math and English
 - v. Rachel Smith: Oshkosh North, Freshman English
 - vi. Topic: Active Student WEA member, how did that help in the interview?
 1. The mentor meetings were all refreshers because of the information received at PDS's and so on
 2. Already were able to implement the skills prior to the mentor meetings because of the information attained through Student WEA
 3. They recommend attending Fall and Spring PDS
 - vii. Topic: mentor meetings
 1. Various topics: 6 traits, gifted and talented
 2. Some mentors make weekly, bi-weekly visits
 3. Also known as peer coaches in Oshkosh
 - viii. Topic: biggest struggle
 1. Kindergarten teacher: referring for special education and not seeing the benefits of the referral
 - a. It's frustrating to see that process
 2. Apathy and hostility towards education from families
 3. Transitioning from teaching freshman to seniors (maturity level)
 4. One teacher taught an at-risk English class (most students were credit deficient)
 - a. Struggle: gaining their trust
 - b. They tested her for one whole month
 5. Cell phone use
 6. Bilingual teacher doesn't speak Spanish and most of her students do
 - a. HUGE learning curve
 7. 7th Grade Team of teachers
 - a. She is young and has a lot of ideas

- b. Other team members have shifted their priorities to raising their families and thus don't implement her new ideas
 - c. Lots of negative feedback
 - ix. Topic: Where could you be better prepared?
 - 1. How to motivate
 - 2. Developmental Theories
 - 3. Assessment Preparation
 - a. Switching school districts and the systems they have
 - b. All districts are different
 - 4. Classroom management
 - a. Where are your resources?
 - x. Suggestions for finding the 1st job & Interview Tips
 - 1. Get as many diverse experiences
 - 2. Study Abroad
 - a. Helps to make you culturally aware
 - 3. Broaden your horizons
 - 4. Don't give up!
 - 5. You can't be picky
 - 6. Research community you want to teach in or are interviewing at
 - a. Know the district and school and work that into the interview
 - 7. Turn interview into a conversation
 - 8. Practice interviewing
 - a. Mock, etc.
 - i. Write down questions that you get asked at the mock interview
 - 9. Use your resume
 - 10. Google, interview questions
 - 11. Match their mission with what you want
 - 12. Talk to secretaries while waiting
 - 13. Ask them questions when they ask you
 - a. Special Education program
 - b. Write them up and have for the interview
 - xi. Portfolio
 - 1. Include pictures
 - 2. Touch on and use it in the interview, when they ask if you have anything to add

III. Closing

- A. Next Meeting: Monday, March 2nd, 2009
 - i. TOPIC: Inclusion
 - ii. Location: Reeve 306 @ 6 pm