

Initial Draft for Approval

Educator Preparation Program Council (EPPC)  
Frank D. Brown Hall  
1127 Broadway, Columbus, Georgia

**Fall 2018 EPPC Meeting Minutes**  
October 23, 2018, Conference Room 2004

**Call to Order**

Dr. Sallie A. Miller Council Chair, called the meeting of the EPPC to order (12:06 p.m.).

**Members/Guests Present**

Dr. Sallie Averitt Miller, Council Chair  
Professor of Reading Education and Associate Dean for Assessment & Accreditation

Dr. Tina Butcher, Vice Provost  
Columbus State University

Ms. Stacy Carlisle, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources  
Harris County Schools

Dr. Lisa Coleman, Superintendent  
Fort Benning Schools

Mr. Roger Couch, Superintendent  
Harris County Schools

Dr. Larry Dooley, Interim Dean  
College of Arts

Dr. Tim Howard, Associate Dean  
College of Letter and Sciences

Dr. David Lewis, Superintendent  
Muscogee County School District

Ms. Kathy Tessin, Chief Human Resources Officer  
Muscogee County School District

Mrs. Debra Whatley, Council Secretary  
Coordinator of Center for Quality Teaching and Learning

**Updates**

Assessment and Accreditation  
*Dr. Sallie Averitt Miller*

U.S. News and World Report

The U.S. News and World Report, Best Education Graduate Schools, survey will be mailed in November. Superintendents were asked to add the email address [usnews-data-collection@usnews.com](mailto:usnews-data-collection@usnews.com) to their "safe senders" email list. These surveys are 15% of the 40% Quality Assessment ranking; thus, the completed and returned surveys are important to CSU's ranking for Best Education Graduate Schools.

Facts and Figures Reference Data Publications

The Facts and Figures publications are online at <https://coehp.columbusstate.edu/factbooks/2018FFRDP225.pdf>  
Departmental and program facts and figures can be accessed on Page 12.

Dr. Greer asked Dr. Miller to discuss with the Council the following article: *Does Cooperating Teachers' Instructional Effectiveness Improve Preservice Teachers' Future Performance?* A PowerPoint was presented by Dr. Miller that provided a *quick research* overview of the article. The PowerPoint will be uploaded to the EPPC website <https://psn.columbusstate.edu/eppc/index.php>.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

*Ms. Debra Whatley*

The EPPC meeting minutes for Spring Semester 2018 were read and approved.

**Updates**

Office of the Provost

*Dr. Tina Butcher, Vice Provost*

Dr. Butcher discussed dual enrollment and noted that enrollment in all area high schools has dropped slightly this year.

The Memorandum of Understanding formalizing the process for dual enrollment is being finalized. Currently, some Harris County School District students are taking college courses at the high school. Muscogee County School district students come to CSU campus for classes. Private schools; e.g., Pacelli High School, offer classes on their campuses. Taylor County students are in a synchronous course through technology for distance learning.

The Office of Academic Affairs continues its focus on the *Momentum Year* for the freshman year. Data provides evidence that students who are successful in English and math in the first 30 hours are 10 times more likely to be successful in graduating.

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**Partner Schools –News and Discussion**

Fort Benning Schools

*Dr. Lisa Coleman, Superintendent*

On September 26, 2018, the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Americas Region hosted a dedication ceremony for the newly constructed Edward A. White School. The new school is 109,390 square feet and can hold up to 600 students from prekindergarten to 5th grade. The school is a *Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver* certified facility with sustainable design strategies and enhancements for energy efficient lighting and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems. There are 21st Century teaching tools incorporated into the building such as a learning garden to assist with the new science standards, three outdoor amphitheatres, solar panels for hot water, a wind turbine, and an energy dashboard for monitoring utility use.

Dr. Renee Mallory, principal of the school, has been recognized for closing the achievement gap for the last two years.

Dr. Coleman expressed the challenge of finding qualified Special Education teachers. She also noted the overall excitement throughout the DoDEA schools about the newly adopted ELA curriculum.

Harris County Schools

*Mr. Roger Couch, Superintendent*

*Ms. Stacy Carlisle, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources*

Comments by Mr. Roger Couch

Harris County is going through changes and shifting of staff, including three new principals and three new assistant principals. Harris County currently has 5000 students and 500 teachers. A very important addition to the current STEM program is adding fine arts making it the STEAM program. Harris County is revising its Strategic Plan which includes the vision and mission statement.

Comments by Ms. Stacy Carlisle

Harris County has a great team in leadership! The team members are planning to do great things for the students in the county. Harris County is proud to have the State Pre-K Teacher of the Year.

**Partnership and Projected Need for New Teachers**

*Ms. Carlisle expressed that Harris County School District is committed to the partnership and praised opportunities provided by Columbus State University such as Interview Days. They have a significant number who are eligible to retire and are looking ahead to attract new teachers.*

Muscogee County School District

*Dr. David Lewis, Superintendent*

*Ms. Kathy Tessin, Chief Human Resources Officer*

Comments by Dr. David Lewis

The new Spencer High School, a \$56 million facility, opened in August at 1000 Fort Benning Road. Hopefully, it will be the catalyst to redevelop the community. Enrollment has increased which also means more students riding school buses.

The former Muscogee Elementary School is being renovated into a STEAM Center, which will provide a venue for activities in the subjects of science, technology, engineering, arts and math for students at all grade levels, pre-kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Student Safety**

*The Muscogee County School District board has established a new district security department, creating its own police agency. The board intends to hire a police chief, a police captain, and school resource officers to help keep students safe.*

Pre-K data indicated the need for expanded centers and every vacancy has been filled.

MCSDD has two schools that have finished the five year accreditation for STEAM schools. Rainey-McCullers School of the Arts filled 42 vacancies from 500 applications. Michael Cater has assumed the position of Content Specialist in music.

Comments by Ms. Kathy Tessin

MCSDD hired 220 new teachers in August and have added another 100. TAPP (Teacher Alternative Preparation Program) program was started in MCSDD and that has helped in the Special Education area.

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Dr. Miller adjourned the meeting following very productive, engaging member conversations.  
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Meeting Adjourned at 1:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Debby Whatley