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Professional Standards Council History and Purpose

Professional Standards Council History

In 1997, Wisconsin Act 298 was passed by the state legislature and signed by the governor which created the statutory Professional Standards Council (PSC) to assist and advise the state superintendent in improving teacher preparation, licensure and regulation. Wis. Stat. 15.377(8). Specific information regarding the framework of the Professional Standards Council can be found at Wis. Admin Code PI 34.108.

The Purpose of the Professional Standards Council

The council was established with the primary focus on classroom teaching. The purpose of the council, acting in an advisory capacity, is to ensure the quality of the profession of teaching by recommending to the state superintendent a set of standards regarding licensure and evaluation of teachers, evaluation and approval of teacher education programs, the status of teaching in Wisconsin, school board practices to develop effective teaching, and peer mentoring programs. The original legislative act that created the council provides a statutory mechanism to review, propose, or revise teacher preparation policies. Any policy recommendations or proposals made by the council are advisory only and subject to approval by the State Superintendent. Statutory responsibilities also require an annual report to the appropriate standing legislative committees on the activities and effectiveness of the council.

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Synopsis of Professional Standards Council Activities 2012-13

October 2012 Meeting Highlights

- PSC members were presented with a handout outlining Agenda 2017 and were asked to discuss and provide feedback, which will be shared with the State Superintendent.
- The PSC heard an update regarding the Professional Development Plan (PDP) verification process. As of September 1, 2012, all PDP verification forms will need to be submitted electronically. The Initial Educator Toolkit is undergoing revision and the Professional Educator Toolkit is under development.
- The group was provided an update regarding the funds for the Peer Review and Mentoring Grants because the state budget eliminated funding to districts for initial educators. Funds will be allocated to CESAs to help aid educators in their PDP work and to help support the Educator Effectiveness initiative.
- PSC members were provided an update on the implementation of Educator Effectiveness (EE). The team is currently working on the Developmental Pilot State of the EE model, two components that are being piloted are the SLO (Student Learning Objective/School Learning Objective) and the number of categories the system will use for overall performance.

January 2013 Meeting Highlights

- The PSC members were provided an updated on the Educator Effectiveness work. Currently there are pilot districts that are in the process of piloting one part of the system. This year we are focusing on the individual parts, next year we will focus on how all the parts work together.
- The group was updated on the Educator Licensing Online (ELO) project.
 The system is projected to be available for educators beginning January 1, 2014. The PSC was asked to provide feedback for how the DPI should inform educators regarding the change in application process.
- The members were provided updates to the program approval process. The Continuous Review Process (CRP) was implemented in September 2013, this process requires that all Educator Preparation Programs are reviewed annually.