**MCEE Meeting Minutes**

**Friday, October 29, 2010**

**Present**

Karen Selby, Mercy; Lindsay Ellis, GVSU; Jill VanAntwerp, GVSU; Jan Dressel, CMU; Marilyn Wilson, MSU; Marcy Taylor, CMU; Sam Caughlan, MSU; Nancy Joseph, Oakland; Brigitte Knudson, WSU, HS Lakeland High; Susan Griffith, CMU; Doug Baker, EMU; Cathy Fleischer, EMU; Sue Steffel, CMU; Rob Rozema, GVSU; Allen Webb, WMU; Tom Hyslop, NMU; Troy Hicks, CMU; Christy McDowell, UM; Julie Mix Thibault, WSU.

**Announcements**

Kathy Fleischer has a new book *Reading and Writing and Teens: A Parent’s Guide to Adolescent Literacy* (NCTE 2010). Allen Webb has two forthcoming books for teachers *Teaching Literature in Virtual Worlds* (Routledge 2010), and *Teaching Literature of Today’s Middle East*. Job announcements made.

New LAJM is out: *Leading Literate Lives* is the theme.

**Updates**

v    **GLCE Common Core Alignment report:** Jill VanAntwerp provided update on common core state standards and the common core alignment document. Almost done with communication arts and ELA standards and alignments of other standard documents. They thought there was too much repetition across standards statements; wanted consistent format for all standards/subjects (document design and template). When these are done, the group requested that these be circulated through the MCEE website.

v    **National Professional Preparations Standards Committee** formed: members include, A. Webb, K. Fleischer, E. Cushman, and S. Steffel. MCEE members could develop a standard for what counts as accreditation for a teacher and later professional development. The goal would be to get this adopted by the state DOE, set guidelines for the development and review of our own programs, and sent to NCTE.  Volunteers were taken for subcommittee to develop the language for alternative certification and accreditation and MA standards statements. Additional suggestions made for places to circulate any results of this ad hoc committee’s work.

v    **“**Adolescent Literacy at Risk: Impact of Standards” is a publication by Becky Sipe available through NCTE.

v    Using student test scores to evaluate teachers—to sign the letter of disapproval, copy and paste the url into a new web browser.   Letter was posted to MCEE listserv on Oct 23.  Deadline to sign the letter is Nov 19th.

v    TEAC and NCATE merge to form **Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation CAEP.** [**http://www.caepsite.org/**](http://www.caepsite.org/)

**Bright Ideas Program:** Can’t be run this year but open to suggestions for future planning. Please keep this conference in mind for a time when MCEE can wake this sleeping giant.

**Winter Meetings:**

January the 21st for the NWPM meeting.

Winter retreat: **February 4th, 2011, 9am – 4pm**; request for MSU Writing Center sent on 11/1 and approved by Trixie Smith on 11/8/2010. On the agenda: to compose an MCEE response to

policies on graduate-level teacher accreditation.

We would first explore best practices in graduate education, hearing from one another about how our M.A. and Ph.D. teacher training programs are structured.  For example, how is Samantha running the online M.A. at MSU?  How is Cathy Fleisher structuring the M.A. at Eastern?

How might our graduate programs compete with online programs?

Beginning with a discussion of some pre-assigned article (and accreditation policies) is a good way to launch our conversation.

We might begin a discussion of our relationship with IRBs and teacher research in the context of discussing what final M.A. projects our students are assigned/undertaking.

**Meeting Adjourned 3:45 pm**