

## **Fall 2023 WRCC Early Childhood Education Advisory Board Minutes**

**Date:** Wednesday, October 4, 2023

**Time:** 5:30 pm

**Location:** Room 181 at the WRCC/a zoom link was sent out.

**Present:** Deb Gass and Chloe Learey

**1.Current enrollment:** 14 first year students and 4 second year students

**2.Current challenges:**

**Technology:** There have been some challenges for students to get on Canvas and we often have internet issues when completing online training.

**Transportation:** Discussion was held around ways to ensure consistent transportation for the students to get to fieldwork. A regular bus driver can sometimes not be found, multiple programs are in competition for the transportation resources that we have and we have an aging transportation fleet (small bus and trucks). Possible ideas included more vehicles, support for teachers to get their bus driver's license and a contract with the local bus company.

**3.Field Placement:** We will be placing students with EES (Birge and Westminster), Winston Prouty, Mulberry Bush, Horizon ELP and Oak Grove Pre-K as well as Kindergarten classrooms at Academy and Green Street.

**4. Pre-Apprenticeship:** We have four students who have been accepted into the VTAEYC Pre-apprenticeship program. They will be completing these at Winston Prouty, The Birge Nest, West Bee Nursery School and Mulberry Bush.

**5. EdRising:** Educators Rising is both a curriculum and a Career and Technical Student Organization. Students have all signed up to be members and attended a conference sponsored by ED Rising at Norwich University. Although the

curriculum is not fully early childhood education based, I will be implementing the components that pertain to the class I am teaching.

**6. VTAEYC Conference:** I will take four students to the VtAEYC Conference in Stowe on Nov. 6 and 7. The students will be volunteers for the conference and attend workshops. Additionally they will be assisting me as I present a workshop at the conference. These experiences will provide documentation for their professional portfolios for Standard 6, "Professionalism as an Early Childhood Educator".

**7. Dual Enrollment Classes:** All dual enrollment classes are through CCV this year. Each class meets the minimum enrollment and I like using Canvas to support the students as they begin to develop the skills needed for college.

We spoke briefly about the success of the class so far and that it has been resurrected with strong enrollment. Chloe spoke of having her PR person complete a story about our success.