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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 2017-18

October 9, 2017

- PSC Members were provided information on budget bill, Act 59, and discussed the specific changes that will take place because of this act. The Members were also provided information on the emergency rule that is currently in effect.
- A requirement of Act 59 is that Administrative Code PI 34 be repealed and recreated, PSC members were provided with the expected permanent rule changes.
- Results of the Educator Survey were presented to the group. The survey was sent out to over 100,000 educators and about 10% provided responses. PSC members were asked to review the results and from this information determine what issues the Council should be taking into consideration.

January 22, 2018 Meeting Highlights

- PSC Members heard a report on the revision of PI 34 Administrative Rules and discussed key revisions that had either been added or revised. The areas of focus were:
 - Revisions made to the Educator Misconduct Section;
 - The Tier one district sponsored pathway; and
 - Consolidation of various subject areas.

February 23, 2018 Meeting Highlights

- PSC Members reviewed and discussed the revision of PI 34 Administrative Rules, focusing on changes that had been made based off of the comments from the PSC and public hearings.
- A report was shared with the PSC Members regarding the Supply and Demand which had been put together by the Wisconsin Center for Education Research (WCER). The group was asked to review the data and to determine if there is additional data they need to help make policy decisions to the State Superintendent.
- The PSC members determined that they would like to focus next on how to attract new educators to the field, and retain current educators.

April 9, 2018 Meeting Highlights

- PSC Members were given the opportunity to share any final concerns they had regarding revisions to the Wisconsin Administrative Code PI 34.
- A presentation was shared with the PSC regarding Diversifying the Pipeline currently students of color represent 30% of the student populations, however teachers of color represent just 5% of the teacher population. The goal is to increase the teachers of color population to 30% by 2022. Several strategies were shared with the PSC members as to how the state hopes to achieve this goal.
- PSC Members were asked to revisit the Talent Development Framework (TDF) from 2016. The section regarding licensing components has been completed, the PSC members were asked to discuss and determine what area they would like to next focus on. The group decided they would like to focus on.
 - Modification of administrator training.
 - Consideration of required reporting of teacher attrition
 - Teacher voice in the leadership framework