

ASTL Advisory Meeting Minutes

04/12/2023

Members in Attendance: Alicia Pack-Thompson, Starla Ritter, AshleighCastles, Catherine Miller, Cindy Green

Faculty in Attendance: Jeff Whittingham

The meeting took place online in a Zoom session.

The meeting began with all in attendance introducing themselves.

Dr. Whittingham led the group in reviewing the goals for the board.

The following goals were reviewed and discussed:

- Board will review program curriculum and provide feedback
- Board will review annual reports and other assessment data and provide feedback
- Board will recommend program changes as necessary
- Board will be active advocates for the program

Dr. Whittingham presented the 2021-2022 ASTL Annual Report. The board discussed the report and no negative trends were noted..

Dr. Whittingham updated the committee on curriculum changes.

- A. Remove WRTG 6310 from the Writing Track and replace with an approved writing elective.
- B. Deletion of STEM Elementary Track and STEM Secondary Track

Dr. Whittingham led a discussion of the ASTL field requirements. The committee discussed field experiences and confirmed their continued support.

Dr. Whittingham led a discussion related to recruitment including the LEARNS Act. Committee members expressed their concerns about potential students choosing the ASTL program due to the lack of the program leading to a career change (administration, counseling, librarian) for program completers. They then discussed the LEAD certification and expressed the desire for the state department to compensate teachers for completing the LEAD certification and help sustain the ASTL program by encouraging teachers to complete the core courses.

The meeting adjourned.