

UCA Middle Level Education Advisory Board

Spring 2023 Meeting

5/22/23

Participating Members: Gwendolyn Lane (Beebe - teacher), Dawn McLain (North Little Rock - teacher), Naomi Sexson (Conway- teacher), Ginger Campbell (Conway - teacher), Gynger Campbell (Conway - principal), Anthony Miller (Greenbrier - teacher), Gina James (North Little Rock - teacher).

Advisory board members were invited to participate virtually in the annual advisory board meeting.

Agenda:

1. Each advisory board member has been in the role of mentor teacher or supervising administrator for a UCA internship I or II candidate during the 22-23 school year. Each member was invited to share program strengths and areas of improvement based on their observations and experiences.

Strengths:

- use of technology (noted by Lane & Miller)
- use of standards in lesson planning (noted by G. Campbell - teacher)
- lesson preparation (noted by McLain & James)
- interacting with students and getting involved in the classroom (noted by McLain)
- communication from and with university supervisors as needed (noted by G. Campbell - principal & Sexson)

Areas of Improvement:

- classroom/behavior management (noted by Miller, G. Campbell - teacher, & Lane)
- classroom management in a co-taught class (noted by Miller)
- behavior plans (noted by Miller)
- social emotional development (noted by Lane)
- taking initiative in the classroom (noted by McLain)
- experience with multiple grade levels to better understand how students and classrooms differ from grade to grade in middle school (G. Campbell - teacher)
- consistency between the lesson and activity planning by mentor and candidate and the scoring of university supervisors (G. Campbell - principal)
- provide for mentors a checklist of behaviors supervisors are looking for in candidates during an observation so the mentors can help guide candidates (noted by McLain)

Link to Google Sheet of responses: [UCA Advisory Board Meeting Spring 2023 \(Responses\)](#)