

# **EDUCATORS RISING**

## **End of Year Report: 2023-2024**

### **I. State Conferences/Competitions:**

National Theme: Discovering Your Potential

- September 22, 2023—TEC Meeting at Lake Morey Resort
- October 3, 2023—Norwich University Education Conference
- November 3, 2023—Plymouth State University Teacherfest
- March 14, 2024—Teacher Leader Meeting at Champlain College
- June 28-July 1—National Educators Rising Conference in Washington, D.C.

### **II. Memberships**

2023-2024 Membership: 75 members 15 teacher leaders

- Incentive funds from 2023-2024 used to purchase
  - Vermont members' registration to attend NH EdRising Fall Conference
  - Lunch for all VT EdRising members at FLC at Norwich University
  - Presentation folders for EdRising
  - Registration and travel for new executive director to travel to nationals in Washington, D.C.
- At TEC meeting a Lake Morey Resort, all human service instructors, with or without curriculum, connected virtually with the national office to learn how to register themselves and their students. Vermont met its membership goal to increase to 75 members! All attendees received canvas totes for all members as well as membership pins.
- WRCC did not purchase the curriculum, but their school paid for 2023-2024 membership.
- 2023-2024 incentive funds were used to pay for members attending the Norwich University Education Conference as well as the Teacherfest at Plymouth State University.
- Michelle Dean, New England Educators Rising Representative, supported the Vermont state chapter by virtually meeting with teacher leaders at Champlain College in March to work on strategies to develop it. She plans to attend in person the TEC meeting in the fall at Lake Morey Resort.

### **III. Leadership Development**

There were no state officers for the 2023-2024 school year.

- VT CTSO Coordinator sponsored a State Officer Training for all state officers at The Stoweflake the day prior to the CTE conference. Since no state officers from Educators Rising exist, they were not represented.
- Rommy Fuller at Norwich University had her students plan the Education Conference on October 3 with 51 EdRising Vermont students attending. Topics for the Day:
  - Keynote—Tim Crowley
  - Dr. Arik Mortensen and Adam Murray--Student Inquiry as a Foundation for Project-Based and Personalized Learning
  - Tabitha Moore--Transformative Social Change in Education
  - Hunter Cummings-Washburn—101 Things I Have Learned as a New Teacher

- Maggie Ganguly-Keifner—On the Corner of Social Healing and Social Justice: Alternative Responses to Youth Behavioral Issues
- Professor Don Taylor—Sustainability and Leadership in the Classroom
- Dr. Rommy Fuller-Young—The Science of Reading
- Kathleen Kilbourne—Umatter Suicide Prevention Awareness and Skills Training
- Dr. Dan McQuillan—Fun Experiences with Exploratory Mathematical Questions
- Mara Iverson—Creating Inclusive Environments for LGBTQ+ Learners
- Dr. Kevin Fleming—The Great Debate: The Role of Reading Research in Disentangling Phonology and Orthography
- Justin Marriott—Pedagogical Approaches to Effective Technology Integration
- Professor Scott Maxham & Professor Angie Carpenter-Henderson—Relationships
- Depending upon results of the September 22 meeting and various fall conferences and attendance, there may be a spring competition planned with very limited events.
- A Teacher Leader meeting was held March 14 at Champlain College. It was agreed there would be decisions about next year's spring conference discussed at the TEC in the spring and next fall.
- Joyce Kemp was hired as the 2024-2025 Executive Director for EdRising Vermont.
- It is hoped that there will be student interest in becoming state officers for the 2024-2025 school year once Joyce has met with teacher leaders at TEC in the fall.

#### **IV. Career Development and Connections with Employers:**

Some of the obvious career pathways are for students to become primary and secondary teachers. However, some may pursue other education-related fields such as para-educator, substance abuse prevention, social justice, etc.

Julia Schuster from the AOE has been working with Joyce Kemp and Sue Ladd to join forces with VREC in the NEK to host an FLC at VTSU-Lyndon on October 7.

#### **V. Local Advisors:**

- Michelle Dean is affiliated with Educators Rising as a New England representative and will support new Teacher Leaders.
- Various YouTube videos are available to help Teacher Leaders.
- A Teacher Leader Training occurred March 14 at Champlain College.
- A TEC meeting for human service instructors was held at LMR in May.

#### **VI. Communications:**

- EducatorsRising.org is the national website available for Teacher Leaders and Students.
- Susan Ladd, interim E.D. and SRC, connected with instructors throughout the year to keep them informed of the membership process, conferences and meetings regarding EdRising, and promoted EdRising at TEC meetings.

#### **VII. National Conference/Competitions**

Joyce Kemp attended the NLC at the Marriott Marquis in Washington, D.C. in June.

#### **VIII. Finances:**

The Educators Rising Vermont balance as of July 1, 2024: \$10,509.26 at RTCC.