**Membership roster:**

1. Dr. Debbie Paine – MSRD
2. Mrs. Melanie Fuller – MSRD
3. Dr. JT Cox – MSRD
4. Dr. Bob Spires - MSRD
5. Dr. David Cole - VCS District Office
6. Mrs. Jamie Bird – OFECP
7. Mr. Matt Faircloth – VCS Teacher
8. Mrs. Melanie Sainz – LCS Teacher
9. Mrs. Alisha Gaston – LCS Teacher
10. Dr. Derald Jones – LCS Admin
11. Mrs. Janet Hendley - LCS Admin
12. Ms. Krystal Hamilton – MGED Student
13. Ms. Leslie Kautzman – MGED Student
14. Ms. Linda Parton – SPAGE/PAGE Consultant
15. Mrs. Beth McCrary/Mrs. Joy Walker – Community/Local Business (BB&T)
16. Dr. Paul Riggs – Arts & Sciences Faculty
17. Dr. Peggy Moch – Arts & Sciences Faculty

**Approve minutes of previous meeting:**

None

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

1. Review purpose and objectives of the advisory board

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Middle Grades Education (MGED) Initial Certification Advisory Board is to provide a forum for dialogue among department stakeholders, including but not limited to public school personnel, Arts and Sciences faculty members, local businesses, students, and department members. The committee may review and recommend policies, procedures, and practices regarding the development, implementation, evaluation, and revision of any MGED initial certification program. Decisions and discussions from this committee will be presented to the Middle, Secondary, Reading, and Deaf Education Department’s executive board committee.
Objectives:
• To support the global nature of initial teacher preparation and advanced teacher development, wherein members have a vested interest in improving the educational experiences of university candidates and middle and high school students within the partnering public school systems.
• To advise MSRD faculty on the various aspects of teacher preparation and ensure the various programs are preparing graduates who will be ready for the realities of teaching.
• To identify and address issues and concerns between or among the public schools, the Dewar College of Education and Human Services, and/or the Middle, Secondary, Reading, and Deaf Education Department.
• To provide timely knowledge about trends and issues in education as well as identify upcoming DOE initiatives and legislative development.

2. Request for short bio from each committee member. This can be forwarded to Debbie Paine at dgpaine@valdosta.edu. Please send response by 7 March 14.

3. Current initiatives pertaining to MGED initial certification program:
   a. Pilot of new student portfolio assessment – edTPA
   b. Pilot of new teacher candidate effectiveness system (TCKES)
   c. Professional Development Schools (PDS) first-year implementation
   Information and updates of these initiatives will be provided at the first face-to-face meeting. Currently, MSRD faculty and staff members are training and working to update materials and course work requirements to meet the demands of the requirements for these new initiatives. Support documents for all the initiatives are available and will be sent if requested.

4. Next meeting date 21 April 14, 4:30-5:30, Dean’s Conference Room, VSU College of Education and Human Services.

Review Action Items:
1. Send bio to Debbie Paine no later than 7 March 14.