

VSBE

Date: April 4, 2019

Item: Review Team for Castleton's 2019 ROPA Review

ITEM: Shall the VSBE approve the following review team members for Castleton University's 2019 ROPA review?

AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the VSBE approve the following review team members for Castleton University's 2019 ROPA review.

Ellen Baker (Chairperson) received her B.S. in Elementary Education from Queens College and her Master's in Education from Johnson State College. Ellen has held many positions in education, including elementary school teacher, assistant principal, and adjunct faculty at Vermont College, Norwich University, CCV, and Johnson State College. Since 2007, Ellen has been the Elementary Education Program Coordinator and Director of Teacher Education and the Licensure Officer at the University of Vermont.

Brian Boyes received his B.A. in Music Education from Goddard College. He has been a music educator for over 20 years and for the last 16 years he has developed and led the Cabot School Global and Creative music program, which has been recognized for its innovative approaches to infusing the performing arts into a project-based teaching and learning environment. He has twice received special recognition from the Vermont Arts Alliance. Brian also serves as the Cabot School's Project-Based Learning Coordinator and provides professional development for teachers in arts integration, project-based learning, and curriculum design.

Paul Parsons received his B.A. in History from Norwich University, his M.A. in English from the Bread Loaf School of English at Middlebury College, and has completed post-bac work through the University of Phoenix. He has taught English and Social Studies, and has been a Drama teacher and director. Paul was honored as the VFW Vermont Secondary School Teacher of the Year in 2014 and the Barre Technical Center Teacher of the Year in 2013.

Laura Thygesen received her B.S. from the University of Vermont. She has been the Physical Education teacher at Barre Town Middle and Elementary School since 1991. She has been a Cooperating Teacher/Mentor for new staff, student teachers, student interns, practicum students and Community Service Learning students. She has served as a panelist for the Peer Review program at the AOE and on the School Health Advisory Committee. She was also a member of a team that developed Vermont Grade Cluster Expectations for Physical Education and sample assessments, a VTAHPERD member, and served 2 terms on the VTAHPERD board (now SHAPE-VT). She was honored as the VTAHPERD Elementary Teacher of the Year in 2000.

Erik Remmers will represent the VSBPE. Erik received his B.A. from Johnson State College and his M.Ed. from Union Institute and University. Erik has been an English teacher and is currently the Principal at Enosburg Falls Senior High School, and he also served on a ROPA review team in 2015.

Ellen Cairns will represent the AOE. Ellen received her B.S. from The University of Vermont in Elementary and Special Education and is a former elementary school teacher. She served on the Science Curriculum Development Committee for Chittenden East School District, and, more recently, as the Early Childhood Assessment Coordinator for the AOE before joining the Educator Quality Team as the ROPA Consultant.