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ADVISORY COUNCIL ON THE EDUCATION OF GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Meeting 3

Venue:

Jefferson State Office Building
 205 Jefferson Street, 4th Floor Large Conference Room, Jefferson City, MO 65102

Handouts:

- May 29, 2014 Agenda
- March 31, 2014 Minutes
- Collective Commitments
- Council Operating Procedures
- Purpose of Council and Basic Roles
- Council Focus and Sample Actions
- Sign-In Form
- Specific Actions within Focus Areas (Council Focus – Related Actions)
- Selection of Members (Council Membership Selection Process)
- Council Membership Selection of Members Process Dates
- GAMbit Article of April 20, 2014

TOPIC	NOTES
Members Present	Sally Holt, Beth Winton, Lenae Lazzelle, Linda Smith, Nancy Pate, Robin Lady, Patty Cookson Department Liaison - David Welch, Secretary - Renee Hasty
Members Absent	
I. Call to Order	
Call to Order	Chairwoman Linda Smith called the meeting of the Advisory Council on the Education of Gifted and Talented Children to order at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 29, 2014.
Approve May 29 Agenda	It was moved by Lenae Lazzelle, seconded by Robin Lady, to approve the agenda of the May 29, 2014 meeting, as presented. Motion carried. (Yes: 6, No: 0)
Approve March 31 Minutes	It was moved by Beth Winton, seconded by Nancy Pate, to approve the minutes of the March 31, 2014 meeting, as amended. Motion carried. (Yes: 6, No: 0)
Chair Comments	Council reviewed the April 20, 2014 GAMbit Article by Beth Winton. The Council had recommended submitting an article to GAMbit four times a year. Robin Lady will submit the next article and the deadline is in August. Beth Winton mentioned that each person needs to write a paragraph explaining who the writer is and something about your experience, so people will learn who the Council members are. David Welch asked if articles should also be sent to the St. Louis Post or other newspapers. Linda Smith would like us to have a list of the newspapers that are in the areas where all Council members reside. Every person who writes the article needs to follow the same steps for notifying the newspapers. David Welch is going to suggest a list of newspapers and Linda Smith will come up with the procedure to follow for notifying the newspapers.
II. Public Comment	
	None

III. Updates	
DESE	David Welch reported that he is finalizing the desk audits with school districts.
Legislation	<p>Kyna Iman reported the state economy is not up to what it was projected to be, but we did receive the largest increase in appropriations for the Missouri Scholar and Fine Arts Academies for June 2015. GAM introduced legislation to put a weight for gifted in the foundation formula but it did not pass. Kyna encouraged the committee to look at the language to see if it is the correct formula we want to use. Kyna and David Welch originally wrote the language. It was written to encourage more school districts to have a gifted program.</p> <p>It is now up to the Department to decide what will happen with the Normandy School District.</p> <p>Regarding Common Core standards, a group wanted to prohibit DESE from implementing it. Legislation was amended to create study groups to look at core curriculum and create their own standard. This could be an opportunity for gifted people to be in these work study groups. The State Board of Education will set up the work groups. There was a discussion over who would serve on these study groups and how many people would be on them. David is to prepare a draft of who might be identified in the work study group, and to bring it up at the August 4th Council meeting.</p>
GAM	<p>Patty Cookson reported that GAM has a new website. The New Teacher Workshop is coming up at Lindenwood University on July 21st and 22nd. GAM is accepting online payments now. Membership is up. Robin Lady reported that GAM is looking at having a future conference in a central location. GAM is in the process of updating their bylaws. Linda Smith will be the lead presenter at the GAM conference. Linda Smith said the Council needs to cooperatively plan the presentation for the GAM conference. The GAM Conference will be October 17 and 18 at Drury University.</p>
IV. Action Items	
Council Collective Commitments	It was moved by Beth Winton, seconded by Patty Cookson, to approve the Collective Commitments' agreement, as amended. Motion carried. (Yes: 7, No: 0)
Council Operating Procedures	It was moved by Robin Lady, seconded by Nancy Pate, to approve the Operating Procedures' agreement. Motion carried. (Yes: 7, No: 0)
Council Purpose and Basic Roles	It was moved by Sally Holt, seconded by Lenae Lazzelle, to approve the Purpose of Council and Basic Roles agreement. Motion carried. (Yes: 7; No: 0)
Council Focus and Sample Actions	It was moved by Lenae Lazzelle, seconded by Beth Winton, to approve the Council Focus and Sample Actions' agreement. Motion carried. (Yes: 7; No: 0)
V. Old Business	
Public Input Sign-In Form	No changes suggested. To be used as is at future meetings.
VI. Study Items	
Council Actions within Focus Areas	<p>Linda Smith said the purpose of this form was to hold our Council accountable and to be informed. The key is that it shows the action and how it relates to the focus.</p> <p>Linda Smith suggested we utilize our working lunch to discuss relevant or new ideas about gifted education that we read about or hear about at conferences. Lenae Lazzelle volunteered to lead the discussion at our next meeting based on her doctoral dissertation research.</p> <p>A discussion was held regarding GAM linking to the Council website once it is created at the Department. Until then, GAM will create a page on their website with basic information about the Council.</p>
Council	Council members must submit to the Chairperson of the Council and the Commissioner of

Membership – Selection of Future Members	Education, in writing, whether they wish to continue serving on the Council or not. Current Council members do not need to fill out the application form, just send a letter to the Chairperson and Commissioner. The general public would need to fill out the application form. Beth Winton suggested that members could apply earlier, and if the member wants to reapply, then we should not advertise to the general public. Linda Smith suggested that we state on the application that current members may or may not reapply but the final decision rests with the Commissioner. Applications from the general public should be sent to the Department of Education at the Gifted Education web reply address. The timeline for publicizing Council openings and submission of applications was discussed.
Council Website – Progress Report	The Council discussed the new web site design for the Council. Council members viewed Maryland’s Department of Education Gifted page. It was suggested that our Council’s web page include the purpose and focus. Renee Hasty will make a mock page by the August meeting.
Annual Report – Discussion and Planning	Sally Holt liked the Arkansas report which goes to their Governor. The Council viewed Maryland’s annual report. Delaware’s annual report had findings from all the gifted programs in every school district. Lenae Lazelle suggested the February meeting for the Annual Report.
VII. Working Lunch	
VIII. Study Items	
Annual Report Discussion	David Welch talked about the process for an administrative rule change. Beth Winton suggested a February submittal date of the annual Council’s report to the Board of Education. Linda Smith said the first report would be explaining our focus and priorities, and where we are right now. David Welch is to bring to the August meeting data that the Department collects, MAP scores for the gifted population for two or three prior years, how many kids participated in the Duke TIP program and the number that received recognition, how many students participated in taking AP exams, and the number of participants in dual credit. David will also try to bring a data person to the next meeting to explain the data DESE collects.
Goals for 2014- 2015	It was recommended that the Council read the administrative rules (David Welch will e-mail to Council members) and the gifted education procedure manual by the August meeting. David Welch will report on the questions he receives the most regarding the rules and manual.
IX. Planning Upcoming Meetings	
Dates	August 4, October 16 prior to the GAM Conference (Lenae to find a room) or October 7 (backup date if October 16 does not work), January 13 or 20, February 25, and April 21.
Topics	Next meeting – Gifted data, Review of State Guidelines/Administrative Rules
X. Adjournment	
Adjournment	It was moved by Robin Lady, seconded by Nancy Pate, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. (Yes: 5, No: 0) Adjourned at 2:57 p.m.