



**MINUTES**

**ADVISORY COUNCIL ON THE EDUCATION OF GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN**

**Monday, August 4, 2014**

**Meeting 4**

Venue:

Governor’s Office Building

200 Madison Street, Room 460, Jefferson City, MO 65102

TOPIC	NOTES
Members Present	Sally Holt, Beth Winton, Lenae Lazzelle, Linda Smith, Robin Lady, Patty Cookson Department Liaison - David Welch, Secretary - Renee Hasty
Members Absent	Nancy Pate
<b>I. Call to Order</b>	
Call to Order	Chair Linda Smith called the meeting of the Advisory Council on the Education of Gifted and Talented Children to order at 10:10 a.m. on Monday, August 4, 2014.
Approve August 4 Agenda	Motion was made and carried to approve the agenda of the August 4, 2014 meeting, as presented. Motion carried. (Yes: 6 , No: 0)
Approve May 29 Minutes	It was moved by Sally Holt, seconded by Robin Lady, to approve the minutes of the May 29, 2014 meeting, as presented. Motion carried. (Yes: 6, No: 0)
Chair Comments	<p>Linda Smith noted that Patty Cookson’s term expires at the end of August and the Commissioner has appointed Dr. Steven Coxon to fill that vacancy on the Council. The Council thanked Patty Cookson for her involvement.</p> <p>The Council reviewed the process for submitting articles. David Welch reported that the Department policy is that all articles for publication must go through the Department’s communications’ office. The Department will assist the Council in getting information about the Council on Facebook and Twitter, plus send notices out to all superintendents through the Department’s electronic mailbag to let people know about the Council. When items like a new member is appointed to the Council, the Department will send out a news release. Linda asked David Welch to get a listing of what Communications will do for the Council and what procedures need to be followed to get information distributed.</p> <p>Robin Lady said she will write the next GAMbit article according to the sample and make sure that the work the Council is doing gets included in the article. Robin will write the article and submit it to Linda Smith and David Welch.</p> <p>Linda asked David to investigate if SharePoint and DropBox were something that the Council could use or not because of Sunshine Law.</p>
<b>II. Public Comment</b>	
	None
<b>III. Updates</b>	
DESE – Common Core work groups, Other	Linda Smith said she received a phone call from Assistant Commissioner of Career and Technical Education Sharon Helwig last Friday regarding the upcoming standard setting meetings. Dr. Helwig suggested we contact the organizations that are spelled out in the law that appoint

	<p>members to the committees and ask them to appoint a member of the gifted community to serve on a committee. The State Board of Education will appoint one educational professional. Kyna Iman suggested sending a letter also to the President Pro Tem of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Linda Smith said we need names of parents and educational professionals to send to the President of the State Board. Kyna will provide additional information related to this effort.</p> <p>David Welch reported that the interest being earned in the Ferman Memorial Fund was getting very low and that we had not had a donation to increase the principal amount since 1996. The Communications' Department is going to help by redesigning the Ferman brochure and include a plea for donations on Twitter and Facebook.</p>
Legislation – Foundation Formula and Gifted Weight, Other	<p>Kyna Iman said the Governor vetoed a large amount of the state budget, including the increase to the Scholar and Fine Arts Academies. September 10<sup>th</sup> is when the legislature meets in veto session and may override some of the vetoed items. Kyna reported she continues to work with David Welch and others in the Department to refine the request for adding a weight for gifted to the foundation formula.</p>
GAM – Roundtable (October 17)	<p>Patty Cookson and Robin Lady said the GAM Board met July 21<sup>st</sup> at the New Teacher Workshop. They had 25 new teachers attend. The Gifted Association of Missouri (GAM) has some changes they are making to their bylaws. GAM has a new slate of executive board officers proposed to start this fall. Robin Lady is the proposed new president and Lenae Lazzelle the executive vice president.</p> <p>Robin Lady said the roundtable discussion at the conference is an open table format. The roundtable meets over lunch for about an hour. Linda Smith asked Sally Holt to lead the discussion at the roundtable for the Council and to prepare some questions in advance.</p>
GAM – Presentation (October 18)	<p>Robin Lady will send Linda Smith the specific time for the one-hour presentation, but it is not set yet. Lenae Lazzelle said we could give attendees note cards and ask them to write down their major concern and their major accomplishment; this would be an easy way to gather information. Robin Lady said we could introduce the members that are present at the GAM presentation, give an overview of the Council and what the Council has been doing so far and what we expect to do. David Welch said that if we had a box at the registration table, then people could drop their questions or suggestions in the box.</p> <p>The GAM Conference has a Conference notebook that will be given to all attendees. The Council discussed adding an article in the GAM Conference notebook. Beth Winton will combine the introductory letter with listing who the members are and include Steven Coxon.</p> <p>Suggestions for the session included asking attendees what is the one best thing their school has done for gifted education, what is the one best thing that has been done statewide, and what is the top thing the Council should work toward? Attendees could also be asked what data could be collected that would be most useful to them.</p>
<b>IV. Action Items</b>	
Council Membership	<p>The Council reviewed the Application for Appointment to the Advisory Council. The application will be revised with changes suggested at today's meeting.</p> <p>The Council liked the Recommended Process for Selection of Council Members. Linda Smith suggested that the Commissioner should get letters from current members (if they want to continue to serve or not), applications of new applicants, and the Chair's letter at approximately the same time. Beth Winton suggested we should not take applications for new members if the current member wants to continue to serve. Linda Smith said we should submit the new applicants with the letter from the Chair, otherwise there would be no names for replacement if the current member is not reappointed by the Commissioner.</p>

	Under "Members who are currently serving on the Council", Linda Smith suggested we change the notice to three months in advance of their term expiring, to send notice to the Commissioner and Chair (not four months).
<b>V. Old Business</b>	
Council Actions within Focus Areas	In the handout "Specific Actions within Focus Areas", the only changes made were the last bullet in "A" and the second bullet in "E". This will be used as our reference sheet.
<b>VI. Study Items</b>	
Council Website – Progress Report	The Council reviewed and approved the proposed Gifted Advisory Council's new web site. Renee Hasty will link the Advisory Council web site to the Department's Gifted Education home page and the Department's A-Z index page.
Data on Gifted and Talented Students	David Welch shared a list of data requests related to gifted education in the state. Linda Smith said her priorities in collecting gifted data from the "Statewide Data" sheet David Welch provided would be #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 28. David said he needs all 28 items. After further discussion, it was decided that David will try and get data for numbers 1-8 and 28, as well as develop more focused questions that will clarify how many students are identified gifted solely on the basis of enrollment in IB or AP courses versus through an official gifted identification process.
Administrative Rules and Guidelines	<p>David Welch said the administrative rules are vague by design. It mentions the 2006-2007 General Administrative Procedures for Gifted Programs, but the manual is modified every year. In essence, these are the correct rules but the 2006-2007 Procedures do change every year.</p> <p>David passed out a list of the top ten requests he receives in his office. He suggested the Council might use this list as the basis for their discussions about recommendations for future changes in Missouri Gifted Programming. The Council discussed what would be the minimum data we should suggest districts submit. Kyna Iman said the transfer policy will be discussed again next year. Class size needs more discussion.</p> <p>Council members will review portions of the top ten list prior to next meeting: Lenae Lazzelle and Robin Lady will review # 8 and # 9. Beth Winton will review # 11. Sally Holt to look at twice exceptional kids.</p>
<b>VII. Lunch and Learn – led by Lenae Lazzelle</b>	
<p>Lenae Lazzelle presented four articles for the Council to review and discuss.</p> <p>1- Are Gifted Children Getting Lost in the Shuffle?  2- Public School "Academy" that Supports Student Passion  3- Increasing Rigor: A Tool to Consider  4- The Poor Neglected Gifted Child</p>	
<b>VIII. Study Items (continued)</b>	
<b>IX. Planning Upcoming Meetings</b>	
Dates – October 16 (7), January 13 (20), February 25 (GEW), April 21	<p>October 16 from 12:00-5:00 pm (no food)  934 South Kimbrough, Springfield, MO</p> <p>December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jefferson City</p>
Next Meeting Topics	Discuss the annual report and what it will look like. It should have a standard format each year and at the end of the year measure what has been accomplished. Beth Winton will submit a draft basic outline and Lenae Lazzelle will send Beth a report format that is used in her district.
<b>X. Adjournment</b>	
Adjournment	It was moved by Beth Winton, seconded by Patty Cookson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. (Yes: 6, No: 0) Adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

Handouts:  
August 4, 2014 Agenda

May 29, 2014 Minutes  
Recommended Process for Selection of Council Members  
Application for Appointment to Advisory Council  
Specific Actions within Focus Areas  
Gifted Enrollment Data Counts for 2010 through 2014  
Gifted Enrollment Data for Gifted Served and Not-Served  
Administrative Rules – Programs for Gifted Children  
Advisory Council Key Dates & Deadlines  
Council News Articles – July 13, 2014  
Sample GAMbit Article  
Sample Newspaper Story  
Top News Outlets  
Gifted Education Programs' Procedure Manual