

MINUTES

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON THE EDUCATION OF GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN

December 2, 2014

Meeting 6

Venue:

Jefferson State Office Building

205 Jefferson Street, 6th Floor Commissioner's Conference Room, Jefferson City, MO 65101

TOPIC	NOTES
Members Present	Dr. Steven Coxon, Mrs. Sally Holt, Dr. Beth Winton, Mrs. Lenae Lazzelle, Dr. Linda Smith, David Welch, Renee Hasty
Members Absent	Dr. Robin Lady
I. Call to Order	
Call to Order	Chairwoman Dr. Linda Smith called the meeting of the Advisory Council on the Education of Gifted and Talented Children to order at 10:02 a.m. on Tuesday, December 2, 2014.
Approval of the Agenda – December 2, 2014	Motion was made and carried to approve the agenda of the December 2, 2014 meeting as amended to postpone the luncheon presentation by Dr. Robin Lady until the next Board Meeting and change the GAMbit reference to Sally not Patty. Motion carried. (Yes: 5 , No: 0)
Approval of Minutes – October 16, 2014	It was moved by Dr. Beth Winton, seconded by Dr. Steven Coxon, to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2014 meeting, as presented. Motion carried. (Yes: 5, No: 0)
Chair Comments- Opening on Council, GAMbit (Patty), Lunch & Learn, Other	<p>Dr. Linda Smith reported that Nancy Pate has officially resigned her position on the Council. Dr. Smith commented that it would be helpful if the replacement would be from the Kansas City area so that we had representation from that area in the state. The Commissioner will appoint a replacement for Nancy to fill out the remainder of her term. Mr. Welch reported that the Commissioner has asked for suggestions to fill Nancy's term and that he had given her three names of people from that area of the state. We do not know if the Commissioner will be able to fill the position before her tenure ends December 31, 2014. Mr. Welch will work with the Commissioner's Office to try and get the position filled as quickly as possible.</p> <p>Dr. Smith reported that she had not submitted the GAMbit article as of yet and asked the Council for permission to edit the article to add a statement regarding the opening on the Council. The Council agreed. Dr. Smith asked Mrs. Hasty to put a notice on the web site that May 31 is the deadline for self-nomination, for members whose term is expiring and deadline for Chairperson's recommendation to the Commissioner.</p> <p>Dr. Smith requested Mrs. Hasty to please update the Council's website to reflect the application deadlines for the upcoming expiring terms and that the date in the URL</p>

	<p>could be taken out so as not to be confusing to those wishing to apply.</p> <p>Dr. Smith asked if members absent from meetings were sent a packet containing the handouts for the meetings they missed. It had not been done in the past but it will be done from now forward. Mrs. Hasty is to send a copy of all handouts from today to Dr. Robin Lady.</p>
II. Public Comment	
	None
III. Updates	
DESE	<p>Mr. Welch reported he was working with the Gifted Association of Missouri to establish the calculations for adding a weight for gifted to the foundation formula. The Department's finance section used the formula outlined to calculate various weights for gifted. In looking over these draft calculations, it was evident that approximately 61 districts would actually receive any funding. Mr. Welch believes the number one issue keeping districts from having gifted programs is teachers' salaries. Senator Kurt Schaffer is willing to file a bill to provide a funding mechanism for gifted. Dr. Beth Winton asked if we want GAM to take care of the legislative funding issue or our Council to make a recommendation.</p> <p>Dr. Smith has made a request to Leigh Ann Grant-Engle, Assistant Commissioner for Data Systems Management, for some specific data, but has not received it yet. Dr. Smith asked Mr. Welch to find out if the Council could find out what the Kauffman Foundation had requested pertaining to gifted education data.</p> <p>Mr. Welch reported that the State Board has established a process for selecting the Commissioner's replacement. The Board's intention is to make the decision by the end of December. If the new Commissioner cannot start January 1st, there may be an interim-Commissioner until the new Commissioner can start.</p>
Legislation	
GAM – results from conference session	<p>Mrs. Lenae Lazzelle said the GAM Conference went smooth and people were accepting of not being at a hotel. Some sessions were as good as or better than NAGC. There was a much higher level of presenters, with practical information participants could take back to their schools and use. Mrs. Lazzelle had not felt that much positive energy from the group in many years. They did a version of "Ted Talks" and it worked very well. Mrs. Debbie Green (GAM Conference Vice President) has already completed a lot of the initial planning for next year. It will be at MU for the next two years. We will be able to do sessions on twice exceptional and MU will provide some of their people to do these presentations. Mrs. Holt wondered if it has geographically affected those that attended since the last two years were in the southwest. Mr. Welch said the numbers are about the same. Mrs. Lazzelle said we actually picked up some Kansas City people this year.</p>
IV. Action Items	
	None
V. Old Business	
	Application now online – Mrs. Renee Hasty to change the URL in the application to remove the month and year.
VI. Study Items	
Report Timeline –	Dr. Smith put a handout together called "Advisory Council Key Dates & Recommended

optional sequences	Deadline". Mr. Welch said you have to provide material 3 weeks in advance of the State Board of Education's meeting if you have something you want the Board of Education to review. GAM day is February 24 th . Dr. Smith said she does not think we will have a report ready for approval at the Council's January 13 th meeting. Mr. Welch said you have to notify the Commissioner's Office two months in advance if you have an item you want placed on the State Board agenda. Dr. Smith said we should not hold to an arbitrary deadline date but rather look at the dates after it is clear the report is going to be completed. Dr. Winton suggested presenting our report by the end of this school year. We will proceed with our goal to present to the Board of Education by May 25, 2015.
Statewide data – progress, annual cycle for reporting of data to Council	<p>Dr. Coxon said we could look at 8th graders from five years ago and follow the number of 8th graders to help get a handle on the number of students who are taking AP and IB courses and being counted as gifted. The October Core Data reporting cycle of 08 gifted students served includes AP/IB students in the number used in the historical data on the Department's web site.</p> <p>Dr. Smith met with EducationPlus, formerly known as Cooperating School District, to ask for their assistance in helping analyze the raw data we have from DESE and put the data into charts and graphs. They agreed to help us and we should have information available for our next meeting.</p>
Recommendations/Rationales – Enable online access to State-approved program descriptions (Sally)	DESE has the policy not to submit duplicate information for more than one program (ask districts for the information only one time and not numerous items from different offices) and therefore it is important to find a means to take the information already collected and put it in a user friendly form and make that accessible to the public. The information to be made available would include but not be limited to: contact person information; grade levels served; service models used; identification criteria; amount of contact minutes per week; and the number of certified gifted teachers in the district.
Recommendations/Rationales – Eliminate practice of counting AP/IB as gifted services (Beth)	The Council agrees that this needs to be a recommendation because there is no standardized selection criteria for being placed in an AP or IB program as is required in all other state approved gifted programs.
Recommendations/Rationales – Prepare state guidelines for identification of underrepresented gifted students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students in poverty and minorities (Steve) • Twice exceptional students (Sally) 	The Council would like to recommend that the Department establish and publish "model" identification systems for these underserved populations to assist districts in their efforts to serve these students.
Recommendations/	The Council believes that we should recommend as best practice that districts have

Rationales – Acceleration policy adopted by districts (Steve)	board adopted polices for acceleration that include all forms of acceleration options. The Council would like to recommend that early entrance to Kindergarten be proposed but that this may need to be a separate recommendation from the acceleration policies.
Recommendations/ Rationales – Require training on gifted • Pre-service coursework on gifted education (Lenae & Robin) • Professional development for school personnel (Lenae & Robin)	Mrs. Lazzelle handed out her draft proposal on this issue and it will be discussed further at the next meeting.
Recommendations/ Rationales – Mandate gifted identification and services (Beth)	Dr. Winton handed out her draft proposal on this issue and it will be discussed further at the next meeting.
Recommendations/ Rationales – Earmark funding for gifted education (Beth)	Dr. Winton handed out her draft proposal on this issue and it will be discussed at the next meeting. It was recommended that the Council should look at the top ten states and see what they do for gifted. Dr. Smith requested that Mr. Welch bring information to the next meeting on what the top ten states do for gifted in terms of mandated services and funding and that he also include information about the 8 states that border Missouri.
Key Discussion Questions • What does implementation of each recommendation involve?	No discussion was held on this item.
Key Discussion Questions • What additional work is needed to ensure success of each recommendation ?	No discussion was held on this item.
VII. Lunch & Learn	
Article Review - Robin	Lunch & Learn – Robin will give us information on this next meeting.
VIII. Study Items (continued)	
	Discussion of potential recommendations continued.
IX. Planning Upcoming Meeting(s)	

Dates – January 13 (20), February 24 (not 25 for GEW), April 21	
Next Meeting Topics	Linda would like the revisions before the January 13 th Council meeting.
X. Adjournment	
Adjournment	Motion was made to adjourn by Dr. Winton and seconded by Dr. Coxon. Motion carried. Adjourned at 3:00 p.m. Next meeting is January 13, 2015 at the Governor’s Office Building, Room 470, Jefferson City, MO.

Attachments:

- Minutes of October 16, 2014 Meeting
- Agenda for December 2, 2014 Meeting
- GAM Written Feedback from GAM Session Participants
- GAM Discussion Questions
- Advisory Council Report Timeline 2015
- Summary of why the Advisory Council recommends eliminating the practice of reporting students as gifted based on the singular criteria of being enrolled in an Advanced Placement and/or International Baccalaureate court
- Recommendation that the state should develop a recommended method of identifying twice exceptional students
- Acceleration Policy Requirement by Dr. Steve Coxon
- Correcting Underrepresentation in Gifted Education Policy Suggestion by Dr. Steve Coxon
- Recommendation that State Mandate for the identification of and service for gifted students and the reimplementation of dedicated funding for Gifted Education.
- Teaching Gifted Learners (3 credits)
- Recommendation that Gifted program descriptions should be made accessible to all districts in the state
- Kyna Iman’s Special Legislative Session Update
- Chart for Gifted Counts (grades K-12) Number of Gifted Students Served in Programs, All Missouri Students, and Percent of Students Served by Grade