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ADVISORY COUNCIL ON THE EDUCATION OF GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN

February 24, 2015

Meeting 8

Venue:

Jefferson State Office Building

205 Jefferson Street, 5th Floor Large Conference Room, Jefferson City, MO 65101

TOPIC	NOTES
Members Present	Dr. Robin Lady, Mrs. Sally Holt, Mrs. Lenae Lazzelle, Dr. Linda Smith, Mr. David Welch, Mrs. Renee Hasty
Members Absent	Dr. Rosemary Graves, Dr. Beth Winton, Dr. Steven Coxon
I. Call to Order	
Call to Order	Chair Dr. Smith called the meeting of the Advisory Council on the Education of Gifted and Talented Children to order at 12:22 p.m. on Tuesday, February 24, 2015.
Approval of the Agenda – February 24, 2015	By consensus, the agenda of the February 24, 2015 meeting was accepted.
Approval of Minutes – January 13, 2015	Lacking sufficient attendance for a quorum, the Council delayed approval of the minutes of the January 13, 2015 meeting until the next meeting on March 4, 2015.
Chair Comments- Meeting with Commissioner, GAMbit, Article Review, Photo, Other	Dr. Smith met with Commissioner Dr. Margie Vandeven the morning of February 24, 2015. Dr. Smith discussed the Council’s annual report and the issue of whether students who take Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) Courses should be classified as gifted. Dr. Smith requested the Commissioner add the Council to a State Board agenda to allow the Council to present the annual report to the State Board. Dr. Smith believed the meeting was productive and appreciated the fact that Dr. Vandeven made time in her busy schedule to meet and actively engage in the discussion about the issues important to the Council.
II. Public Comment	
	None
III. Updates	
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Legislation	Dr. Robin Lady said there are currently 3 bills being considered in the General Assembly that deal with Gifted Education. One bill would establish a maintenance of effort law, whereby a school district would receive a penalty for reducing students served in state approved gifted programs by more than 20% annually. Districts would receive a decrease in an amount of foundation funding equal to the per pupil expenditure for the decreased number of

	<p>students.</p> <p>A second bill modifies the foundation formula by adding a weight for gifted students for districts with a state approved gifted program.</p> <p>A third bill would stop the practice of counting AP & IB students as gifted.</p>
GAM	<p>Dr. Lady said the next GAM Board meeting will be April 18, 2015 in Oak Grove. The GAM conference is October 24-25 at Mizzou in Columbia. Dr. Lady and Mrs. Lazzelle are going to the Affiliates' Conference in Washington, DC in March representing GAM. They will be doing a presentation at the conference highlighting GAM's efforts advocating for gifted children. This conference provides an opportunity to hear about the efforts that are going on in other states to advance education for gifted children.</p>
IV. Action Items	
	None
V. Old Business	
	None
VI. Study Items	
Annual Report Timeline – Commissioner, State Board of Education	None
Review of Annual Report	<p>Members present did a section by section review of the draft report compiled by Dr. Smith. Several edit revisions were offered and discussions were held about clarifying a few of the graphs and tables. David Welch was tasked with getting additional information about the demographic composition of the students served in state approved gifted programs and language to explain the payment adjustment clause for possible inclusion in the report.</p> <p>Dr. Smith will compile the suggested edits and additional information from the review that were discussed. All members of the Council will have an opportunity to review the updated draft and make suggestions for improvement before voting to adopt the final annual report document.</p> <p>The Council members expressed their appreciation to Dr. Smith for her extensive work on compiling the draft report and for the detailed collection of data and its presentation in the report. Several members expressed a desire to use the data in their local efforts advocating for gifted education.</p> <p>Dr. Smith wanted all to know that we needed to thank the personnel at EdPlus for their assistance in getting the data and putting together the charts and tables.</p>
VII. Planning Upcoming Meeting(s)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates – March 4, April 21, Other (State Board of Education) • Next Meeting Topic – 	

Review/Approve report	
VIII. Adjournment	
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. Next meeting is March 4, 2015 at 10:00 am at the Jefferson State Office Building, 7 th Floor Conference Room.

Attachments:

Minutes of January 13, 2015

Agenda for February 24, 2015