

MINUTES

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON THE EDUCATION OF GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN

January 13, 2015

Meeting 7

Venue:

Governor's Office Building

200 Madison Street, Room 470, Jefferson City, MO 65101

TOPIC	NOTES
Members Present	Dr. Steven Coxon, Dr. Robin Lady, Mrs. Sally Holt, Dr. Beth Winton, Mrs. Lenae Lazzelle, Dr. Linda Smith, Mr. David Welch, Mrs. Renee Hasty
Members Absent	Dr. Rosemary Graves
I. Call to Order	
Call to Order	Chair Dr. Linda Smith called the meeting of the Advisory Council on the Education of Gifted and Talented Children to order at 10:05 a.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 2015.
Approval of the Agenda – January 13, 2015	A motion was made by Mrs. Lazzelle and seconded by Dr. Winton to approve the agenda of the January 13, 2015 meeting. The agenda was modified to allow Kyna Iman to give a legislative update when she was available. Motion with modification carried. (Yes: 5, No: 0)
Approval of Minutes – December 2, 2014	It was moved by Dr. Winton, seconded by Dr. Coxon, to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2014 meeting, as presented. The minutes were modified to correct the spelling of Lenae Lazzelle's name. Motion with modifications carried (Yes: 5, No: 0)
Chair Comments- Council Membership, GAMbit (new article), Lunch & Learn, Photo, Other	<p>Dr. Rosemary Graves has accepted the position to serve on the Gifted Advisory Council.</p> <p>Dr. Steven Coxon will prepare the next GAMbit article. Dr. Coxon should introduce himself and then tell what the Council has been doing. Dr. Smith will send Dr. Coxon the newsletter model. Articles are published quarterly. Dr. Coxon is to send the draft GAMbit article to Dr. Smith.</p> <p>The Council will meet next on February 24, 2015 in the 5th floor large conference room in the Jefferson Street Office Building. We will begin with a working lunch.</p> <p>No photo will be taken today of the Gifted Advisory Council. We will wait until all members are present.</p> <p>Members whose term expires this year are reminded that they need to write their letter to the Commissioner by May indicating if they wish to be re-appointed.</p>

II. Public Comment	
	None
III. Updates	
DESE	<p>We have a new Commissioner – Dr. Margie Vandeven. She began her tenure as Commissioner of Education on January 1, 2015. She has experience as the Deputy Commissioner of Division of Learning Services and Assistant Commissioner in the Office of Quality Schools. She has knowledge and experience in working on the Top 10 by 20 goals. Commissioner Vandeven has met with the GAM board previously, but Top 10 by 20 will be her major focus.</p> <p>DESE’s Assistant Commissioner for the Office of Quality Schools (Dr. Dennis Cooper) is retiring the end of January 2015. The Deputy Commissioner position is posted for applicants, along with the Assistant Commissioner of Quality Schools.</p>
Legislation	<p>Kyna Iman reported that yesterday she got the announcement of chairmanships. House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee Chair Representative Kathy Swan is from Cape Girardeau. Senate Education Committee Chair will be Senator David Pearce from Warrensburg. Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee for Elementary and Secondary Education is Representative Kurt Bahr. Kyna Iman has done some research on the weight. The trigger for additional funds for the weight would only kick in to help 60-61 districts. Senator Schaefer is drafting legislation to reinstate the payment adjustment clause. The 2014-2015 school year will be the base year. Kyna Iman said she is recommending that language be included in this provision that states students in AP/IB classes shall not be counted as gifted students. The current number of districts with state approved gifted programs is 223 districts.</p> <p>Katherine Farley from the University of Missouri is currently interning for Kyna Iman and was present at the Council meeting.</p>
GAM	<p>Dr. Lady said they had a Board meeting in November that was very well attended. This Board meeting was a retreat to remind everyone of GAM’s past accomplishments and establish goals for the year. The Board’s next meeting will be next month in the Kansas City area. The State Gifted Conference is now scheduled for October 24 & 25 a Saturday/Sunday. GAM had to move its dates at the University because anyone “in house” gets the dates up to six months in advance. The Conference Committee is working on keynote speakers.</p> <p>Mrs. Lazzelle and Dr. Lady will be attending the affiliate’s conference in Washington, DC. This is sponsored by the National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) and allows officers from every state affiliate association to meet and exchange ideas. It also provides the opportunity to meet with their national legislators and discuss gifted education issues.</p>
IV. Action Items	
	None
V. Old Business	

	None
VI. Study Items	
Report Timeline – Optional Sequences	A March meeting may be needed in order to get on the Board of Education’s agenda and accomplish all we need to finish by the end of the year.
Statewide Data – Issues, Annual Reporting Data to Council (November), Progress	Dr. Smith sent a request to get grade level data on gifted education from the Department of Education. She had to fill out a form to request the data. Unfortunately, the data has not been provided as yet. Dr. Smith is continuing to work with EducationPlus to obtain analyses for the Council report.
Recommendations/Rationales + Problem Statements	<p>The Council reviewed and discussed the “Report Contents” handout. Questions were addressed and support for proceeding as planned was obtained.</p> <p>Dr. Smith stated that a large part of our report is to diagnose problems and make recommendations for solving them.</p> <p>Drafts of recommendations, problem statements and rationales were reviewed in the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Require training on gifted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pre-service coursework on gifted education (Lenae & Robin) ○ Professional development for school personnel (Lenae & Robin) • Mandate gifted identification and services (Beth) • Earmark funding for gifted education (Beth) • Enable online access to State-approved program descriptions (Sally) • Eliminate practice of counting AP/IB as gifted services (Beth) • Prepare state guidelines for identification of underrepresented gifted students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ students in poverty (Steve) ○ twice exceptional students (Sally) • Acceleration policy adopted by districts (Steve) <p>After presentation and discussion of each item, adjustments were noted for editing. At the February meeting, an updated version of each recommendation will be presented.</p>
Key Discussion Questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does Implementation of Each Recommendation Involve? • What Additional Work is needed to Ensure Success of each Recommendation? 	Key question for now is: Are recommendations reasonable? The feedback was positive.
VII. Lunch & Learn	
Article Review (Robin)	Dr. Lady shared an article about St. Louis Public Schools. There are around 19,000 students in the St. Louis area and most are in public schools. There are gifted children in these schools that are failing. Collegiate School of Medicine and Bioscience is a high school of 100 students and they plan to add a new grade of 100 students each year. Are we reaching these kids in St. Louis

	schools and charter schools that are gifted and bored in the classroom because they are gifted and not being challenged.
VIII. Study Items (continued)	
	Discussion continued on the drafts of report recommendations, problem statement and rationales.
IX. Planning Upcoming Meeting(s)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates – February 24 (GEW, Noon-4:30 pm), April 21 • Next Meeting Topics 	Add a tentative March 4 meeting date 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.
Adjournment	<p>Motion was made to adjourn by Dr. Beth Winton and seconded by Dr. Robin Lady. Motion carried by voice vote. Adjourned at 2:58 p.m.</p> <p>Next meeting is February 24, 2015 at 12:00 pm at the Jefferson State Office Building, 5th Floor Large Conference Room.</p>

Attachments:

Minutes of December 2, 2014

Agenda for January 13, 2015

Preliminary Recommendations Working Draft – January 13, 2015

Report Contents Draft

Top 10 States

Reporting Data on Gifted Students and Programs