

Greater Dane County Talented and Gifted
March 19, 2007 Meeting Summary

Topic	Discussion	Action
<p>Professional Development:</p> <p>Jack Palmer Stoughton School District Mentorship Program for Secondary Students</p>	<p>Jack is Teacher .5, TAG .5</p> <p>Background: Mentorship program is part of HS programming. Started with one mentor. Mentors are volunteer, 110 active or potential mentors. Challenge: finding space, most meet outside of HS and outside of school day. Based on a couple of student leaders (receive credit)/activity with mentor. Mentor may be outside of district located from the yellow pages based on what student needs. Expectations of parent, principal, mentor, student for curriculum, transportation.... Students submit a log of >87 hours of applied work, other assessments and presentation to earn ½ credit. There is a program support committee, intro-to-parent-night.</p> <p>If a student has a specific interest/would like to learn more about topic, and willing to be involved in intensive work. A mentor is a “wise and trusted teacher or <i>counselor</i>”.</p> <p>Support students in finding who and then how to make contact an adult mentor.</p>	
Business Meeting		
<p>Approval of Minutes and Treasure’s Report</p>	<p>Minutes approved.</p> <p>Treasure’s Report: update of checkbook status. Approved.</p> <p>Currently correcting the data report formats in Quickbooks so that treasurer’s report can be printed accurately.</p> <p>People in charge of events consider whether budgeted allocations are sufficient.</p>	<p>For YAHARA: You MUST send the checks to Wendi’s home AND include a registration form with the check.</p> <p>You MUST send all checks for a district in ONE envelope.</p>
<p>Sunshine News</p>	<p>Cards to Martha and Virginia post surgeries. Card to Cheryl Saltzman upon death of her mom.</p> <p>Madison is cutting TAG from 6 to 4, possibly even down to 2.</p>	<p>Please send ratio of resource to students to Kerry in MMSD</p>

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		Martha will also send something about current ratios for all.
UW	Nancy Blair brought Technology & Arts packets for district students. College for Kids – continued need for facilitators. Can CESA \$ be used to support PD for facilitators?	
Legislative Update	Saundra shared handouts about the DPI budget for Gifted; not the increase originally anticipated.	Consider writing letters to Education committee and legislator to make our concerns known. The more personal the letter / e-mail the better. Use salmon handouts as talking points
Awards BKF feedback	Excellent! Congrats to Amy, Barb & Kit: you made the organization look good! Consider a little bit of info about award winner while person is at front. Consider a shorter “key note”?	Group should put in black & white & electronic – stored behind the curtain on the website – info about running the Awards BKF. ALL programs could keep info in a “behind the curtain” place.
Forum Activities	Go to the website & use forum <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review Acceleration document and post responses 2. Review Sara Stone’s K-3 data and post responses 3. Ruth Robinson wrote a history of organization... recommend & post additions 4. Consider info for the PI93 form - 	3 Assignments USE the Forum. Martha will send out directions.
Staff Development	Jeanne referenced a WISGIFT thread about a disorganized student. Lois Roets was one of the respondents and is willing to come speak. Oct. 1-3 or Oct. 22-24...Lois prefers Oct. 1-3 Evening with parents then a day workshop or 2 for teachers. \$2000 + expenses. (WATG is Oct. 11). Consider one day elementary and day 2 secondary. Lois has two topics. OR share her with Whitewater TAG. No. of participants? Location? Workshop with kids (students who are having issues with work completion &	Jeanne will follow up with questions. Oct. 1-3 is good. Consider Fishbowl Model Encourage team-like approach. Focus: supporting

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	organization)? Subsidize cost of workshop. Fishbowl model? Registration would have to happen before fall.	student success.
Coordination with CESA 2	<p>Martha & Wendy Wegenke met. Wendy is welcoming input. Consider subsidy for facilitators of College for Kids? Subsidize WCATY ? Wendy willing to work with Whitewater group and our group... maybe in the Professional Development realm?</p> <p>Considering Zoomerang license for CESA 2, Whitewater and Greater Dane Co. to share.</p>	
Rules for Identification Palmer Legislation	Have not seen the judges ruling on this. How can our networks be involved? Chrys will post opportunities on the DPI website.	
Announcements	<p>Fine Arts Weekend flyer, will also be on website. Sept. 28-29</p> <p>Judging for Destination Imagination needed April 24-25</p> <p>Minneapolis hosts NAGC in Nov. – consider group going.</p>	