

March 18, 2010

WELCOME, LUNCH, AND NETWORKING

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT-Synopsis

Amy Miller Reporting: Administrator's Breakfast Reflections

Keynote Speaker, Brett Davis, addressed issues such as: merit pay for a group (school), a growth model, lack of funding, students staying/working in Wisconsin, the need to change the school funding agreement, and the positive impact of advocacy.

Students shared their insights in roundtable discussions. Feedback is summarized below:

Question 1: How school has met the needs of talented learners: Early Identification, Advocacy, Options, Ability Grouping

Question 2 regarding how policies/procedures serve talented learners: Grading (ie: weighted grading), Programming issues, Identification, Communication of opportunities for the gifted, Bend the Rules!, Technology, Social opportunities for intellectual peers

Question 3 regarding challenges and concerns: Rigor, Frustration with heterogeneous classes, Advocacy (self, parent, teacher), Programming options beyond math, Online programs (some are good, some are bad), Early identification, Course and work scheduling conflicts

Question 4 regarding the Gifted Children's Bill of Rights: Self-Esteem, What happens if your parent is not your advocate?, Insecurity/stereotypes, Communication problems

Question 5 regarding myths and stereotypes: Advocacy (parent, self, teacher), Extra-curricular activities, Curricular options

Future Professional Development Needs?

#### **BUSINESS MEETING**

- Call to order
- Minutes – Kitty VerKuilen
  - Accepted by Liz Bogard, seconded by Jodi Fanning

- Treasurer's Report – Elizabeth Bogard
  - Questions/Concerns: Will any program costs be raised? There are discrepancies in Math 24 and DRIVEN costs.
  - Possible fee changes for next year's programs will be discussed at the next meeting in May.

#### **ORGANIZATION UPDATES**

- **UNIVERSITY OF WI & WCATY:** WCATY is providing a summer training session in online instruction. Interested teachers should check with their curriculum director to learn whether or not this training meets the new requirements for online instructors.
- **WATG:** There is a possibility to partner with WATG on a grant for SENG training. There is some interest among GDCTN members in combining districts to co-facilitate SENG groups inviting parents from multiple districts, and offering sessions throughout the school year. Lynda Olenik will contact Del about a possible grant.
- CESA 2—GEMS Conference April 23 & 24 in Milwaukee

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Professional Development – Amy Miller, Kris Joannes, & Barb Hoeft
  - A few names were floated for future professional development bookings. Please share your idea of a training topic or expert.
- **Identification/Rtl** – Lori Ott
  - Districts will complete the Rtl Tiered Services worksheet. Lori Ott will email this form as a google doc. so that districts can simply enter the information and submit.
  - Madison Metropolitan School District created SIMS (Systems Intervention Monitoring System). School districts can adapt this program and implement it. Infinite Campus and PowerSchool are both working with SIMS.

#### **FUNCTION GROUPS**

- Sunshine – Barb Hoeft
  - Janell Dorn (Waunakee) is still at home
  - Kerry Berns (Madison) had surgery
  - Barb Hopping (Portage) had knee surgery and is retiring
  - Position being eliminated, where?

- Elizabeth Bogard is soon to be married
- Lori Ott is soon to be married
- This network is giving a scholarship in the name of Brett Davis to an underrepresented student for WCATY

### **STUDENT PROGRAM GROUPS**

- Yahara River Writers – Martha Barlow
  - Forms are due to Ruth Frawley by April 1<sup>st</sup> for the Top 10 Workshop at UW. Send money to Elizabeth Bogard.
- Math 24 – Lindsay Passwaters
  - There have been comments that the cards are too easy at the grade level.
  - Should we structure the hosting schedule to mimic the math meet schedule?
- Math Meets – Kitty VerKuilen
- Haiku – Jeanette Marshall
- Fine Arts Weekend – Jeanne Mutchler
  - Registration closes April 24<sup>th</sup>. \$140 is due to Poynette School District. Fine Arts Weekend is scheduled for the first weekend in October.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Ted Widierski Scholarship
  - Motion by Lynda for the use of the Ted Widierski Scholarship: \$250 per year for next 5 years, combining Money Market funds and Ted's memorial, toward summer mathematics programs for students who have participated in middle school math programs like Math Meet and Math 24.
- Money Market Account-Process for Requesting Funds
  - Preference seems to go to providing professional development for gifted and talented coordinators plus teachers (and other staff). Ideas include: Rick Wormeli, Sylvia Rimm, and Eric Jensen.
  - Waunakee will be providing a 1 credit summer graduate credit on differentiation. The course is from Viterbo College.
- Ways for GDCTGN to recognize students

- NUMATS Recognition is scheduled for May 8<sup>th</sup>. This might be a good time to give the Widierski Scholarship.

**NEXT MEETING**

- Wednesday, May 12, 2010
- Agenda items: Future Professional Development Needs? Math 24 host schedule and grade level decks

Respectfully Submitted: Marissa Hansen for Kitty Ver Kuilen