

September 15, 2009 Minutes

8:00 – 8:40 WELCOME AND NETWORKING

Mixer – Kitty VerKuilen & Amy Miller: fill in the descriptors on the 4x4 grid with as many new people as possible. Introduce someone you met in groups of 12-ish.

8:40 – 9:00 ORGANIZATION OF COMMITTEES FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR See report below

9:00 – 9:45 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

“Recent Initiatives in Gifted”

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State Updates

WATG October 1 – 2 @ Kalahari in WI Dells Gifted Positioning System in the 21st Century—
Where do we Go From Here?

Grants for GT

Advisory Committee—brainstorming and visioning

Licenses for GT teachers at UW-Whitewater and UW-Stevens Point

Rtl—GT is part of the conversation

Education Communications Board—GT part of the project & engaging in conversations regarding meeting individual learning needs

GT Resource Guide—Revised edition coming out soon. Table of Contents provided. Shifting from identifying the student as gifted to identifying the learning need; identification moves to classroom based performance assessments.

Key words: service, not program; Systematic and continuous; coordinator AND resource teacher as an expert in providing programming to meet the needs of the gifted

What does Rtl look like for GT? Look at the tiers—level identification is very important ; provide/define interventions for these students

Will publish after two-three edits and hope to publish by January for the School Administrators Conference. Gap Analysis Chart included in the guide. Breaks down the analysis of a program to its component parts and provides a Work Plan.

State Testing: WKCE phasing out—state will change to a test that is “MAP-like”. Want to be able to test three times per year. Bank of test questions that are linked to standards and can be used to create common assessments. Core standards that could/will lead to core assessments. Perhaps a growth model rather than a benchmark model. For grades 3 – 8. Also looking at the PLAN/ACT for 8th & 9th grades.

National Initiatives

NAGC November 5-7

Rtl—only five states have imbedded GT in Rtl. Wisconsin is reportedly one of those. All are encouraged to become a part of the Rtl conversation in your school district

Acceleration as an option for GT suggestions of items that need to be incorporated

Race to the top funds— Economic stimulus package for schools

Balanced assessments—how do you determine that what you’re doing is effective?

Common standards

High quality assessments

Longitudinal student data systems that follow students Kindergarten through college

Teacher effectiveness—sticky conversation due to privacy considerations

Supported interventions for lowest performing schools

Meeting standards vs meeting specific amount of seat time for effective schools

PK-12 Standards—developed with student outcomes as the focus—what do they need and how do we provide for those needs. Looking at Content, skills, dispositions

10:45 – 12:00 **BUSINESS MEETING**

- Call to order
- Minutes – Kitty VerKuilen
- Treasurer’s Report – Elizabeth Bogard—complete report submitted. donation from Ted Widerski’s memorial. Moved to accept by Lynda Oleinik ,Jodi Fanning second. Passed

ORGANIZATION UPDATES

- **WCATY**—adopted by UW-Outreach; recognition nationally; help to shape major state issues such as funding for gifted. Budget: \$175 per student now for non member of the co-op. Member cost remains \$150. Recommend that your school retain its membership. Online

library added is like a “Global Wiki” links to movies, weblinks, Middle school and high school level. Side note: recommend using this link to access www.ted.com

- **UNIVERSITY OF WI**

College for Kids 311 participated—video available for recruitment purposes

Saturday Enrichment—brochures for marketing; press release provided for local papers; **Two-day Workshops** during Teachers’ convention ; **Digital Day** workshop scheduled 11/21 showcasing digital design. dynamics; social networking in WCATY village; bring adult for free; college support provided—application, scholarships, requirements; are willing to do school visits but encourage students to come to the UW campus to expose them to the campus environment; **Four week Saturday** series offered; **Spring break** Mon – Thursday; different community locations; showcases the arts--murals, dance, drama, etc.

- **CESA 2**—Michael Clay Thompson is a go 83 participants to date.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Professional Development** – Amy Miller—THANK YOU for chairing this committee!

Sylvia Rimm? Bring her in for us—special Ed, RtI, underachievement; Will charge for fee for the professional development portion for schools. Location: Janesville? Membership is undivided as to support for this costly presenter. Parent version in evening-- will focus on underachievement; Will emphasize actual concrete strategies that work. Want to keep it free for parents. Cost for presenter is high; Time: November or March? Prefer March so as not to interfere with NAGC and amount of time.

- **Identification joins RtI** –Discussed data used—MAP? WKCE? Should? Moved by Virginia second by Martha to merge with **RtI** and make that a standing committee. Chair: Lori Ott. Janelle Dorn will co-chair
- **Administrators Breakfast** – Barb Hoeft & Amy Miller—will discuss this again in November

FUNCTION GROUPS

- **Sunshine** – Barb Hoeft
- **Member/Contact Data Base** – Martha Barlow—Martha will send a pdf to membership; update the information and return to Martha via fax. She will update the data base. Then she will send to the membership. Could be used as a “Reply All” to contact entire membership. Elizabeth has been collecting registration forms.

STUDENT PROGRAM GROUPS

- **Yahara River Writers** – Martha Barlow will chair the committee Ruth Frawley willing to do Judging chair. Make sure you let Martha know if you are dropping out of the contest or adding on to the contest . Ribbons and medals given to individual participants instead of certificates.
- **Haiku** – Open Chair Grade 4 only. Bob Clausen has health issues—may need to make some judging changes for the publication of the selections. Award ceremony at Eagle School. Each student reads their own Haiku. Biggest job is introducing Bob at the ceremony and publish/print the booklet for the participants. Lori will send out an all-call for someone to take the jo of chair.
- **Math 24** – Lindsay Passwaters; need district registration and then will organize materials day for January
- **Math Meets** – Kitty Ver Kuilen—will include tips for team selection. Host school schedule ready for next meeting once all registrations are in
- **Fine Arts Weekend** – Jeanne Mutchler 79 students will participate. \$150 for three APT productions, drama workshops, meals and lodging at the Round Barn, party with the APT Staff & actors. Some schools fund raise to help pay for participation in this event.
- **High School Programming**– Martha Barlow & Sharon Daly
 - College Forum:** November 18 @ Pyle Center . Target HS Juniors 8:45 – 12:00 possibility of university tour following lunch on your own. \$5.00 per student. Limit 10 studetns per district. Need to pre-reigster with # of students who will attend
 - D.R.I.V.E.N: High School Leadership Conference** – Kristy Champion—held @ UW_Pyle Center. Full day. Lunch provided. Cost is \$15.00 Register will be available on web site. 10 students per school. First 120 students admitted. Great program! Go home with an action plan for their school.
 - Poetry Day** with David Daniel for young poets at Waunakee Community Center

NEW BUSINESS

- Meeting dates for the 2009-2010 school year
 - November 18th Conflict Changed to November 20
 - Calendar@greaterdanetag.org (Password: calendar) 1/9, 3/18; 5/12
- Registration for programs for 2009-2010 school year—**due October 9th**!
- Treasurer—Liz Bongard. Nominated by Martha Barlow; 2nd by Virginia Schween-passed

- Web Master—Lynda Olienik Board position? Virginia moved heather 2nd passed However, we will need to change the bylaws in order to do this. Will vote next meeting.
- Ted Widierski Scholarship
- GDCTGN Professional Development Scholarship. \$500 from network to help fund three people to attend **NAGC**-1st motion by Martha Barlow, 2nd motion by Jeanette (Lake Mills) Network would like a couple representatives to attend NAGC and report what they have learned at one of our meetings
- Money Market Account
- Ways for GDCTGN to recognize students
- NAGC, November 5-8, 2009 in St. Louis, Missouri

NEXT MEETING

- Date: November 20 (Fitchburg Community Center, Fitchburg Room)
- Agenda Items: Ted Widierski scholarship allocation, Money Market account discussion