

November 19, 2010

Meeting location: Upper Iowa University

8:00 – 8:30 WELCOME AND NETWORKING

8:30 – 9:00 RECENT NEWS ARTICLES

Discussion—regarding the issue of meeting the needs of the gifted population going on in Madison and Chris Rickert’s response to it. The executive committee wrote a response beginning the conversation of advocating for gifted programs. This prompted positive discussion regarding the need for gifted programs in the schools. Suggestion was made that they article should be prefaced with “On behalf of Greater Dane County Talented and gifted network representing 35 districts.” and omit the list of people who contributed to writing the article. Our collective response is posted on the web site. Suggest printing it in the *Capital Times Wednesday* Guest Column, the *Tabloid* and the *Isthmus*.

9:00 – 9:50 SMALL GROUP MEETINGS

9:00 – 9:25

Identification/RtI

Professional Development

WATG Sharing

New Coordinators/Mentors

9:25 – 9:50

College for Kids

Math Meet

Awards Banquet

10:00 – 10:15 **SCOTT PETERS from UWW**

Jean Peterson Session:

Jean Peterson will be presenting at UWW on 12/15. The topic will be social-emotional concerns and counseling of GT students. Jean will present during the day and have a parent Q&A session that evening. Both are free and there is still space in the evening parent session:

<http://academics.uww.edu/edfound/gt/index.html>

Jean will also be working with Oregon School District on the 16th and will offer a free parent session at the Doyle Building in Madison that evening. GDCTAG has sent out a flyer for this (has it been sent to the list-serve?)

GT Coursework:

The GT license is off and running. There will be no course this Spring as Christine Gould is on sabbatical. Instead, both the curriculum course and the Intro course will be offered this coming summer. We also plan to offer the coordinator course for the first time Spring 2012.

For those people who have either (a) equivalent coursework to that which is required for the UWW / UWSP GT license program OR (b) could demonstrate significant equivalent experience, we are offering a 1cr portfolio / practicum course in order for those people to get the WI GT license. These people should contact Christine Gould at UWSP to discuss requirements.

The opportunity exists to offer any of the UWW / UWSP GT licensure courses in or near the Greater Dane area. Since Pam Clinkenbeard and Scott Peters both live in Madison, this could be a face-to-face course or a online special course just for GDCTAG members. This could also be done at a decreased tuition cost. Let Scott Peters know if this is something GCD wants to pursue.

Rating Scales:

Scott Peters has approximately 300 copies of the Gifted Rating Scales (GRS) or the Scales of Identifying Gifted Students (SIGS). If your district would be interested in having them to use as a pilot to ID kids K-5, please contact him. They are freely available as long as he could get access to the non-identifiable data afterwards.

10:15 – 10:55 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Lucia Rowley and Susan Steffens: Two members share their NAGC experience. Power Point containing this information and sample is available on the website. Technology equals productivity; creates collaborative learning; Highlights are below:

- Much information shared particularly about technological tools that can be used for differentiating for the gifted.
- Mapping Mindsets—keynote speaker
- Grades: Need to shift focus to a Learning Process
- Mindsets: Framework for Intelligence. Another way to know yourself. Fixed Mindset to Growth Mindset. Results of the inventory gives behavioral characteristics of each kind of mindset.
- Perils of Praise. Strategies given that support a growth mindset.
- Ten best things We've Done this Year <http://10bestthings.wikispaces.com/>
- Growing Good writers—Jim Delisle: *Growing Good Kinds: 28 activities to enhance self-awareness, compassion and leadership*

10:55 – 11:10 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT – TECHNOLOGY

Laura Borsechnik - Moodle

- **Course management system** similar to Blackboard. Modular Object Oriented learning environment. free software download. Need a system administrator. Takes lots of memory. Can download directly to your server. Free open source software. The users own it and update it. Training is available on the intricacies. Multiple uses of Moodle:
- Can use Moodle for extensions, lit circles and staff development.
- Can create your own course in “Differentiation.”
- Can use for student assignments, discussion forums, posting of documents, links to videos, tests, quizzes. You can choose what is visible to users and what is not and can track users activities.
- Can control access to the course—through the use of an enrollment key.

Need some training on how to use the discussion forum

www.Moodle.org —gives information about Moodle—a good reference is *Using Moodle* by Cole and Foster, 2008: O’Reilly Community Press. Another recommendation: www.Lynda.com software training site. Monthly costs of \$25.00 but many different types of technology tools are available.

11:10 - 12:00 BUSINESS MEETING

- Call to order—11:10
- Minutes – Kitty VerKuilen. These are available on the website site. Hard copies are not printed. Please see the website for the minutes from the meetings. Kitty also reported on the executive meeting which decided to co-sponsor Jean Peterson’s Parent Presentation with Madison Metropolitan School District. Motional to approve: Martha Barlow; Second by Sharon Daly
- New Treasurer—Kristy Champion nominated. Lynda moved to elect Kristy; Martha Barlow second; Unanimously approved. Congratulations (and thank you!) Kristy!
- Treasurer’s Report – Kristy Champion will send out the report electronically. We still need some checks to be resubmitted because they did not tab out correctly on the registration form so the total amount due is incorrect. Switch address to Kristy Champion; Kolak Education Center; 1633 Keeler Avenue; Beloit, WI 53511
- HAIKU Chair Needed—Carole Mason from Eagle School will assume chair. Thank you Carole!

ORGANIZATION UPDATES

UNIVERSITY OF WI & WCATY—

- Nancy Blake distributed information about pre-college initiatives. Need instructors for summer programs.
- College for Kids materials distributed. Changed district recommendation form—includes ranking system for students to help in the recruitment process. Checklists on back rather than totally open-ended but additional comments space included. New registration form is online for parents. Save, print a copy and give hard copy to GT person. Scholarship available to free/reduced lunch. Needs to be signed by someone who has **direct access** to those records—not the GT Coordinator.

- College for Kids II for 8th graders –last week in July. Focus on STEAM areas. Offered at WI Institute for Discovery on campus. Grand Opening of this facility is week of December 2nd. Public is welcome! Streamlined into one academic area and college preparation. Scholarships available. Flyers coming for the practicum—may be able to apply it to the certification program. Survey offered and completed at the meeting.

WATG—make sure to check the web site regularly for discussion forums, newsletters and upcoming events!

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Professional Development – Amy Miller, Kris Joannes, & Barb Hoeft

Rtl focus for January. Make sure you are in on the conversation when your district dicusses Rtl. Also looking for a mini presentation on technology

- Identification/Rtl – Lori Mueller & Janelle Dorn

FUNCTION GROUPS

- Sunshine – Barb Hoeft
- Awards Breakfast – Barb Hoeft & Amy Miller. Madison location: Arboretum February 8; snow date February 15. 8:30 breakfast. Nomination from each district. Due December 17. Those will be invited as award winner. Ask for one per district. Who has made a difference in your district for gifted students? Give a paragraph and picture for the book. Provide also a brief introduction (two sentences).

STUDENT PROGRAM GROUPS

- Yahara River Writers – Martha Barlow –need a publisher for the book as Monroe is not participating this year. Martha will e-mail the membership to see who could print the book for us—someone who may have a print shop in their district. 160 pages; 300 copies.
- Math 24 – Lindsay Passwaters—has breakdown of host districts and where the regionals will be.
- Math Meets – Kitty Ver Kuilen. Updated booklet and host schedule posted to the website. Booklet includes contact information for those participating in the regional meets.
- Fine Arts Weekend – Mary Kennedy—will get help from Jean Mutchler
- College Matters Forum –Sharon Daly—did the event without tables in the room because of the outstanding attendance. 146 students plus 25 adults. Capacity of the room is 190 students so they were close to capacity. Feedback is welcome! Had a difficult time finding panelists (only had two) because many who were asked had class.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ted Widierski Scholarship—nomination put on website
- Money Market Account—no discussion
- Ways for GDCTGN to recognize students—suggestions welcome!

NEXT MEETING

- Tuesday, January 25th—Location TBD but most likely Upper Iowa University again
- Awards Breakfast: February 8 with snow date of February 15—. Location will be UW-Madison arboretum. Nominations due December 17.
- Agenda: Yahara entries collected; Math Meet tests and trophies distributed

Adjourned: 11:50 Moved by Amy Miller; second by Lucia. Approved