



November 11, 2008 Minutes

8:00 - 8:30

WELCOME AND NETWORKING

Please pick up the following items at the back table:

- Nametag
- Treasurer's Report
- Sign District attendance sheet.

8:30 - 9:20

PROGRAM

We have had many good learning opportunities this fall in the state including the WATG, WASCD, and CESA 2. Join one of the group discussions further discuss ideas presented or learn about something that you missed.

- Martha Barlow will facilitate a discussion of Jay McTighe's Backwards Planning
- Sharon Daly will facilitate a discussion of the Bett's workshop.
- Kitty Ver Kuilen will facilitate a discussion of Michele Kane's break-out on Executive Functions, Michael Piechowski's "Beyond Flow", and Jim Delisle's Intensities.

9:20 - 9:30

ORGANIZE FOR SMALL GROUPS

9:30 - 9:45

BREAK

9:45 - 10:45

SMALL GROUPS

9:45 - 10:15	10:15 - 10:45
Professional Development Math Meet Yahara Top Ten	Awards Breakfast High School Programming Professional Development College for Kids

10:45 - 11:00

BREAK

11:00 - 12:00

BUSINESS MEETING

- Call to order
- Minutes – Kitty VerKuilen—approved by General Membership

- **Treasurer's Report** – Julie Cushman Need to determine how to spend the Ted Widierski memorial money (\$125) move to approve Sharon Daly; second by Lori Ott

ORGANIZATION UPDATES

- **WCATY**—Carole Trone, President reporting: gave update on programming;
 - Literature Co-ops started today.
 - Courses for summer programs will be finalized by December; Marketing materials ready in January.
 - Village launches in January; high school will be lead mentors in this selective social networking site; Info is on web site; Not for credit; do not need to have participated in co-ops for the community. Targeted age level grade 5 – 8; strict rules will apply to provide safe, appropriate environment. Go to “Village” link on WCATY website.
 - Award ceremony is back; will confirm date soon (late April/early May) for top 7 – 10% scorers in NUMATS grades 4 – 8; will be on Madison campus; medals and recognition given. No charge but must register for NUMATS test in January/February in order to get results back in time to be included for consideration
- **UNIVERSITY OF WI:** Nancy Blake Reporting:
 - College for Kids Information distributed for current 5th graders at this meeting. Registration will be online. Safety features will be provided such as a button to confirm your choice; a practice session for registration will also be provided to avoid stressful situations; There will be a change in practicum portion with a new leader; stipend for facilitators continues— professional development credit or no credit & independent study provided. Scholarships available for those who qualify for fee/reduced lunch. Can go over district allotment to extend opportunity to students of color. Dates: facilitators June 15. Students begin June 22; this is the 30th year. Designed to a broad exposure: campus life, expand areas of interest.
- **WATG:** Ruth Robinson, District GT Coordinator for Janesville and member of the WATG Board present to provide legislative update. Encourages everyone to contact their congressman regarding funding for GT. Links available on the Greater Dane County TAG Network Website

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Professional Development Still looking for a chair person!**
 - Andy Mahoney workshop will be held. Will tailor presentation to the needs of the attendees. Lynda O. will work with Mahoney to meet those educational needs. Registration deadline extended to accommodate more educators and parents who are interested in attending. 17 parents registered thus far. Looking for a “chauffeur” for Mr. Mahoney to transport from hotel to Edgewood Campus for workshop
 - Differentiation: Suggest walk-throughs” for administrators so they understand what differentiation looks like in practice.
 - RtI connection to gifted. Strong advocacy needed for the gifted population.
 - Identification methods—sensitive to changes in Standard t. Martha shared that the WI Music Association will share guidelines for identification in music for grant this year; will apply for the grant again with a focus on programming.
 - GDCTGN could apply for a grant to look into ID areas of need like Leadership or creatively. The opportunity is there.
 - Social/emotional issues was the targeted strand for professional development this year. That is why we subsidized parent and educator workshops with Andy Mahoney. Consider having Michael Piechowski here in March. Need to let him know for certain. Would like a presentation for large group followed by a smaller break-out session.
- **Identification -Virginia Schween & Sandy Walejko Co-Chairs**
 - No report available

FUNCTION GROUPS

- **Awards Breakfast – Barb Hoefft and Kathy Miller**
 - Location: Waunakee Village Center. No charge for rental
 - Date: Monday, February 9; Save the date information will be sent through e-mail. Nominee needed by December 17; Each district gets ONE award winner. No snow date.
 - Time: 8:30 – 12:00 breakfast at 8:30. program starts are 9:15.
 - Program: Chris Mursky will MC; The committee has some ideas for speakers. Suggestions welcome. Focus will be on Social/emotional issues—the heart of gifted education.
 - Entertainment: Waunakee Jazz Ensemble will provide music. Suggest that local school district provide the music to avoid travel expenses
- **Sunshine – Barb Hoefft**
 - Virginia Schween mother passed away. Barb will send card
 - Suggest sending Jeanne Mutchler a card to say thank you for organizing Fine Arts Weekend.
- **Member/Contact data base – Martha Barlow updated.** Thank you Martha!

STUDENT PROGRAM GROUPS

- **Yahara River Writers – Martha Barlow**
 - All information is on website. Please check it to find out what your district responsibilities are for this contest. Entries are due January 27 at the next GDCTGN Meeting
- **Haiku – Julie Cushman**
 - Entries are due to Dr. Clausen February 1. Plan your due date accordingly.
- **Math 24 – Martha Barlow** regionals formed soon
- **Math Meets – Kitty VerKuilen**
 - Booklet is updated. Hard copy provided for host schools. Electronic copy available on line before Thanksgiving break.
 - Check host schedule so you know when your district will be responsible for hosting the regional competition.
 - Electronic score sheets will also be available on the website and will be e-mailed to the host schools. Suggest that TWO people be assigned to score recording—one to read the score and check the entry and one to type in the scores.
- **Fine Arts Weekend – Jeanne Mutchler**
 - This is an awesome experience for high school students. Take form 1 to a max of 8 students who are really in to the theater experience. Can participate multiple times. The event is well organized due to Jeanne's leadership. A unique chance to participate in a high quality theater experience. Register in spring for the fall experience (September). A GREAT value at \$180.
- **High School Programming – Martha Barlow & Sharon Daly**
 - College Forum @ Pyle Center for Juniors—application process for competitive schools. Will be repeated this year—possibly in February. Looking for passion areas/niches to enrich individual interest areas.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Backward Design**
- **Checks sent to Martha will be returned to sender's business office with corrected address.**

Meeting Adjourned: 11:50. Move to adjourn by Martha Barlow; 2nd by Julie Cushman
Next meeting: January 27 Yahara Entries due!

Attendance: 29 people representing 23 districts and organizations