

GREATER DANE COUNTY  
TALENTED AND GIFTED  
NETWORK

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**September 20, 2011**

**Upper Iowa University –conference room  
4601 Hammersley Road  
Madison, WI 53711**

8:00 – 8:30 WELCOME AND NETWORKING

Members update the Member Directory and District Staffing information their districts.

8:20- 8:30 Introductions and Welcome to New TAG Coordinators and Staff

8:30 –9:00 Scott Peters- Assistant Professor -University of Wisconsin Whitewater—

- Summer 2012 Institute June 18; 4 day Gifted conference at UW-Whitewater
- Coordinator Course—you do not need to be a “teacher” to be a Gifted resource coordinator—Four courses for certification for GT Resource Teacher; GT Coordinator requires one additional course.
- WATG Credit—will go towards the credit requirement for licensure in gifted. \$210 for one credit—attend the Foundations of Gifted pre-conference session, attend all sessions, write a reflection paper, create an implementation plan, and complete a take-home exam for the credit. This will allow you to “test-out” of one credit of the 781 course and enroll in the future if you wish for only two credits. Flyers were made available at the meeting
- UW-W is offering a Foundations of Gifted Ed cohort in Milwaukee this year. There will be two face-to-face meetings in Milwaukee; the rest of the course is online.
- Fall G/T courses are available
- Now if you have educational background (“old” credits in gifted or certification from another state ) UW-W will put you through a one-credit program which makes sure that you have the knowledge according to the gifted standards and will give you credit.
- Staff development opportunity—Scott would be happy to coordinate. Let him know any topics that you need to know about

SENG Conference in Milwaukee this July

9:00 -9:30 Organization of Committees, Program Groups and Function Areas. Sign up for Committees for the 2011-12 School Year

**Function Groups:**

**Rtl:** No discussion at this meeting

**Web site:** Propose that we go with a Google web site—more people can update the information on the web if we go this route. It is free. Would like to discuss as a group. Lynda Oleinik, our web master, will update the website with any information you need. The eventual goal is to create a website that

can be edited by multiple people . For now, please send updates and pictures to Lynda of fun events! She'll upload them on the website.

**Professional Development:** Lucia Rowley will chair. This is an elected board position and currently we have one person holding two board positions. LO moved that we continue to allow one member to hold two board positions for the 2011-12 school year and moved that Lucia be elected into the staff development position for a period of one year. Janelle Dorn seconds. Motion carried. Congratulations Lucia!; Other committee members: Lynda Oleinik, Evansville; Amy Miller, Oregon; Martha Barlow, Waunakee; Laura Borsecnik, Stoughton; Janet Farnung, Verona.

**Administrators/Awards Breakfast:** Barb Hoeft chair. Different breakfasts on Alternate years. This year it will be the Administrators breakfast; Keynote speaker hired. Purpose is to build awareness

**Sunshine:** Barb Hoeft will send card to those who are experiencing celebrations, joys, sorrows, transitions.

**"Emergency Notification"** discussion regarding 1) how do we decide if an event needs to be cancelled and 2) how to let people know . Lynda can also Send e-mail to personal phone numbers; Kitty will collect cell phone numbers of the members. Lynda will send a mass text message.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING 2011-12** - Martha Barlow suggests planning strands that would be carried through for the year.:

**Technology strand;** Janet Farnung invited all to come to Verona for a session Tuesday, September 27 6:30 for a presentation on GoogleDocs

**Problem solving strand** (Using the problem-solving process); asking the right questions; great for teacher training in 21<sup>st</sup> century learning skills;

**Perhaps another strand** according to the needs of the group. Suggestions include: Support for coordinators new to the profession (catch-up to-speed) sessions; RtI & Differentiation; book talks

**Other considerations:** Physical space? Availability of the labs at Upper Iowa University; Time allotment; Desire to be in ALL of the strands; the value of networking.

**Sharing** options during small group times—elementary/secondary sharing time; may be able to cover nuts and bolts during that time. Keep this time available !

Concern for those who can not come to all five meetings;

What about offering something different for semesters?

Is our role to offer staff development or to LEAD people to staff development opportunities? We started offering staff development opportunities to make information afford able for our membership.

Keep professional development strand but create a plan or a calendar for the year so we can select when we should go.

Look at keeping schedule consistent—for instance offer the staff development in the morning;

Like the idea of strands but don't want to be committed to only one strand; Come up with more concrete topics; send out survey for more specifics?

**Organizational structure** should be looked at every year. Constitution and bylaws; policies and Procedures. When leaders change every year, at times it is difficult to know if we are following the prescribed path.

## **STUDENT PROGRAMS-** Offered through Greater Dane TAG Network

- Yahara River Writers Competition- Ruth Frawley & Martha Barlow;
  - **Yahara Judging Co-Chairs** -Mary Loeffler and Jean Hilby
- Math Meet – Kitty Ver Kuilen. Will have host schedule next meeting when all registrations are in
- Potency of Poetry – Martha Barlow will not be hosting this year. Awesome day but looking for a host person. David Daniel from APT—Shakespeare poetry –acting, writing, max of 30. Negotiate date with APT ; suggest that the coordinate with Administrators’ Breakfast. His cost is \$600. Includes lunch. Suggest \$20 - \$25
- College Forum – Sharon Daly chair; held on November 9 at Pyle Center. Room can accommodate up to 150. For high school juniors
- Haiku – Carole Mason
- Math 24- Lindsay Passwaters chair. Whitewater has some ideas about how to deal with those who have memorized the decks. Talk to them. Other considerations: try out the positive and negative integers decks with sixth graders; consider
- Fine Arts Weekend – Mary Kennedy, chair. Body, mind heart weekend. Some fund raise to help students attend. Cost is \$150; some districts have students bear the entire cost.

## **KEYNOTE: DEB DOUGLAS , President of WATG – Wisconsin Association for Talented & Gifted**

### **Organization Update**

**Mission** is to advocate for the needs of GT

1. Conference/professional development
2. Networking—connected gifted educators and parents throughout the state
3. Advocacy for gifted education

**Strategic plan:** Outreach events throughout the state. Will conduct a needs assessment—how best to meet our needs as educators. Emphasis is on reaching out to the districts in the northern part of the state. Politically, we need to make sure that we have representation from all CESA districts in the state. This is a two-year plan.

**WATG Conference** Heads, Heart, Hands— [www.watg.org](http://www.watg.org). Go to the Fall conference tab.

**Nadia Webb** keynote. “The Heart of Giftedness” is name of Keynote: Presented Thursday evening for parents, Friday morning keynote and break-out session on Friday morning.

### **Pre-conference sessions:**

- Ed Foun for UW-W credit;
- Rtl (Chrys Mursky & Ruth Robinson) we have the Wisconsin Rtl Center check out the web site [www.wisconsinrticenter.org](http://www.wisconsinrticenter.org) . Based in Chippewa Falls;
- I-pads in the classroom by Sue Gorham from Racine rated by Apple as a distinguished educator.

**Entertainment:** “Taalbi”, flamenco guitarists, will play Thursday evening and before breakfast on Friday morning.

**Scholarships** available from GDCTG Network that can be used for conference expenses.

**SENG:** Wanda Routier and Jen Dahl are collecting names of those registered as facilitators to create a SENG parent group network registry

**Menu of services** of what WATG can offer:

Defining role in terms of **advocacy** for individual students. Cindy Clark chairs this committee. Sign up to be contacted when we need letters written. Reauthorization of legislation for allocation of funds specifically for gifted. Contact Cindy Clark to sign up to help in the effort.

We need the data to track how **gifted services** have changed **in the state**. Work with the Dpl

**Improve online community:** advocacy, networking, facebook, letter writing that addresses specific issues. Suggest that the web site make it easy for others to write letters by providing sample letters one can copy and personalize.

**Talent Act** Wisconsin is not involved with Talent Act. Ear mark desire is to be part of reauthorization of **ESAY**; Course in gifted; money allocated on basis of other areas—rural; underserved, minority. The Javitz grant has gone away.

**DPI Grant:** CESA’s and Milwaukee are only ones that can apply. Purpose is to provide direct service to students and training for those services. No weekends or summer hours, co-curricular activities, contests. Focus is on systematic and continuous learning opportunities for those with gifts and talents. Pursue advocacy for gifted students

**Lobbying** for dedicated **funding** for gifted and talented

\$237,000 allotted for budget

**WCATY**—Rebecca Vonesch distributed the collaboration guide, application, cost for Academy courses. Now at \$195 per student for co-op participation for member schools and \$25.00 fee for those who qualify for free and reduced lunch. \$250 for non-member schools. Tried desperately to keep price down. Value asset to entire state. Collaboration between UW-Madison and WCATY continues.

10 new Academy courses; variety of courses—some reaching out to global community. Academy launched next week; flashed out, 3-D, animated, uses Moodle 3. Offering a top-notch curriculum for you!

## **BUSINESS MEETING**

- **Call to order** 11:15
- **Minutes** – Kitty Ver Kuilen. Laura Borsechnik moved to accept; Sharon Daly second; passed.
- **Treasurer’s Report** – Kristy Champion. No printed version available due to technological difficulties. Report is done through QuickBooks. Best to print as a pdf file. Highlights:

**Scholarships** of \$150 available for each district. Approved by our VP; communicated to our treasurer who will send check to district. Link available on the Professional Development page.

**Money:** \$ 7809.00 in Money market; \$2,000 in checking; Waiting for registration fees. All programs were within budget except the College Forum. Will increase the cost per student by \$2.00 to better cover costs. Moved to make change: Martha Barlow; Lucia second. passed

## **ORGANIZATION UPDATES**

- UNIVERSITY OF WI & WCATY—see above
- CESA 2 Wendy Wegenke left the position; it is filled by another. Funding affected because we did not get a grant. We do have UW-W and Scott Peters to support the educational needs of this organization.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Professional Development** – Lucia Rowley, Amy Miller, & Barb Hoeft.

- Small group formed who will get together to form a plan for the year. GT in the world of RtI has most “votes” from the organization.
- Also mentoring & networking. Kitty will tabulate list of new folks who may need mentoring.

**SENG** update – Lynda Oleinik and Kitty Ver Kuilen

**Identification/Differentiation/RtI** – Laura Borsechnik & Janelle Dorn

## **FUNCTION GROUPS**

**Sunshine** – Barb Hoeft send list to Barb of anyone who may have left the classroom or had another life-changing incident and she will take care of it.

**Administrators Breakfast** – Barb Hoeft & Amy Miller

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Money Market Account-Process for Requesting Funds
- Ways for GDCTGN to recognize students
- Meeting Dates for 2011-12

**Monday, November 14, 2011**

**Thursday, January 26, 2012**

**February: Administrators Breakfast** Lucia will check dates for the second week

**Tuesday, March 6, 2012**

**Wednesday, May 9, 2012**

Meeting Adjourned: 12:10

Agenda Items for next meeting: SENG