Illinois Gifted Advisory Council Meeting
November 19, 2013

10:00 Welcome (All members present with the exception of Nan Ochs.)

10:00-10:15 Updates on National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) Conference were provided by, Gifted Advisory Council members Laura Beltchenko and Sally Walker. Highlights included:
- Common Core State Standards, what does it mean for gifted.
- Talent Act, we need bipartisan support
- Unlocking Emergent Talent document written by – National Association for Gifted Children and Paula Olszewski-Kubilius, President National Association for Gifted Children
- Funding for gifted education is a national issue.
- Patchwork of collection of services, at the National level
- Most states leave important decisions to local district, inconsistency, zip code matters

10:15-11:00 Gifted Education Seminar
- State funding will be necessary to update the drive.
  - Updates to include, but not be limited to:
    - Mac compatibility
    - Common Core Standards updates
    - Internet based program
    - Alignment with new State Gifted Endorsement
    - Update publications and resources,
    - Include new research

11:00-11:30 Kellee Sullivan, Division Administrator for Educator Licensure, ISBE
  - Gifted Endorsement Testing
    - Test for gifted endorsement
    - Base on National Gifted Standards-National Association for Gifted Children
  - September 2014, target date for assessment
  - Marci Johnson will follow up on Grandfather clause.
    - Structure of test
    - Possible content audit
    - Committee will meeting in early January to discuss assessment contents.

Questions were raised regarding middle schools taking college level courses and getting credit – (dual credit).
  - Marci Johnson will check on this with Jeff Aranowski
  - Issues with high school graduation requirements
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11:30-12:30 Angela Chamness, Division Administrator for Assessment, ISBE  
Dan Frederking, Assessment, ISBE/Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College  
and Careers Overview (PARCC)

- Grades 3-11 testing
- Computer based
- Start 2014-2015
- Pilot testing this spring
- Test critical thinking and problem solving skills
- Writing is fully integrated all the way through high school
- Technology enhanced, all students will need headphones and keyboards
- Performance Based Assessment (PBA) – approximately 75% through the year
- End of the Year (EOY) assessment – approximately 90% through the year
- Speaking and listening test
- English Language Arts (ELA) passages are from real text, not commissioned passages.
- Combining scores PBA and EOY for final score
- Not a growth model
- PARCC at the high school level: used a “placement” for college course work.
- ACT for “admission”
  - What if a gifted student takes a high school course in middle school? This question and other similar to advanced work need direction.

- Resources
  - PARCC online best place to get resources
  - Public has access to some of the assessment tasks
- Illinois Education Leadership Cadre, a group of state wide experts to support the implementation of the Illinois Learning Standards.
- Student Learning Objectives (SLO’s) for gifted will be a focus of next meeting topics to include but not limited to:
  - Balanced Assessment
  - Preparation and Evaluation
  - Systems responsive and responsible
  - Around areas of student growth
  - How gifted educators would be evaluated with gifted students
  - Assessment development – message development
  - Assessment practice
  - Measuring student growth
  - Angela Chamness from the ISBE Assessment Division will bring staff to help us develop SLOs.
1:00-1:30 Marci Johnson – Parent Involvement Framework
- Across agency effort, systemic approach
- Document was reviewed and is based on best practice
- Overview, research, standards, matrix, legal requirements, definitions
- Changed from parent involvement to “Family Engagement”
- Four principals (not hierarchy), page 6
  - Develop a Family Engagement System,
  - Build a Welcoming and Supportive Environment,
  - Enhance Communication,
  - Include Parents in Decision Making
  - Can be used as a Tool for Districts to enhance family engagement
  - Getting feedback from districts and parents
  - When completed will take to board to adopt as a framework
- Family Engagement Tool
  - Supported in Rising Star
- Illinois Parents.org
  - ISBE supports
  - Nothing for gifted
    - We should look at it and think about gifted

1:30-2:30 Arlin Peeples – Illinois Principals Association – Education Leaders Network Overview
- Education Leaders Network (ELN)
  - March 2011 launched
  - Learning Management System
  - Offer educators common core and a myriad of professional development opportunities
  - Curriculum development
  - Next generation science standards
  - Current there are limited viable offerings for gifted education
  - Geared content to be short segments 10-15 minute segments

2:30-2:45 ISBE Math Curriculum, Integrated 6-12, Model Curriculum K-5
- Diane Beedy provided a brief, meaningful overview of this state initiative to provide standards based curriculum framework for mathematics.

- Status of Gifted Education Survey
  - Get Gifted Survey out by Dec 1
    - Two week window

2:45 Adjourn