

Minutes of the Illinois State Board of Education
Gifted Advisory Council
Oct 3, 2012
10:00-3:00
Springfield, Illinois

Members present: Laura Beltchenko, Sally Thomson, Sally Walker, Terry Mohaupt, Diane Beedy, Marci Johnson

Agenda

Welcome, Laura Beltchenko, chair and Marci Johnson, ISBE liaison to the council shared opening remarks of the agenda items and the outline of the day.

Approval of Minutes of the September meeting of the Council

1. The attributes of the new Rising Star, district and school improvement plan were shared by Laura Beltchenko using her District Improvement Plan. The members of the committee determined that they would first review the 50 indicators found in the Rising Star District Plan and review the WiseWays for any correlations to gifted education. Both the cognitive and the affective domains needs of advanced/gifted children and programs that serve them would be the lens that the Indicators and WiseWays would be viewed. Marci provided members with information that they can use to access the list of Indicators and WiseWays through the Center for Innovation and Improvement: <http://www.centerii.org/> The members of the committee will review these statements and report back before our next meeting in April. The 104 school level indicators would be reviewed at a later date if necessary. As “evidence for research” the council will utilize the resource found in the National Gifted Education Standards for University Teacher Preparation programs: Knowledge, Skills and Evidence Base for Gifted and Talented Education Standards.
2. In preparation for the meeting with Linda Tomlinson for the voluntary gifted endorsement, the council reviewed the 2010 National Gifted Education Standards. From these standards the committee determined which standards would be utilized for endorsement as teacher and specialist of the gifted.
3. These standards were then reviewed with Linda and her colleague and the group ensued in productive discussion. The endorsement document that will be presented to the state board of education was further drafted and the language for the endorsement received some finalized revisions. Linda will continue to frame the document in the most appropriate language before it goes out for public comment. It is hoped that the ISBE will review and approve the document in December.
4. The council members drafted a survey that will be produce and distributed through the ISBE. The intent and purpose of the survey is to gather state wide information on the state of gifted education programs in Illinois. This information will help to inform the state and the council on gifted programming throughout the state.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45.