

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.

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- 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