

Illinois Gifted Advisory Council Meeting Minutes



October 2, 2017
9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Illinois State Board of Education
100 North First Street, 2nd Floor
2 NE Conference Room
Springfield, IL

Welcome and Note Attendance

Ms. Beltchenko called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. Six council members were present along with Marci Johnson.

Gifted Advisory Council Members Present

Ms. Laura Beltchenko, Chairperson
Dr. Michele Kane
Ms. Marchelle Kassebaum
Ms. Elizabeth McLaughlin
Ms. Susan Rhodes
Ms. Pamela Shaw

Others Present

Ms. Marci Johnson, ISBE Director of Teaching & Learning

All those present introduced themselves and gave an overview of their background in gifted education.

Documents pertaining to the meeting are found in the following Blendspace link:

<http://bit.ly/2jRdvoW>

Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of the April 2017 GAC meeting were amended to include a reference to microcredentialing and unanimously approved.

ISBE Updates - Marci Johnson

ISBE has a newly published organizational chart: <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/ISBE-Org-Chart.pdf>

Ed360 <https://www.isbe.net/ed360> will go statewide in January for all districts to use. It is currently being piloted. Ms. Johnson demonstrated the program for the GAC and discussed the data that will be included. PARCC, ACCESS, and ELL will already be in the system. Districts can upload other scores such as MAP, as well as link with Plickers and Khan Academy. This will be an excellent tool for teachers and administrators to drill down on assessment data and make it more impactful on instruction.

Claudia Quezada is overseeing Illinois Empower <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/IL-Empower.aspx>

Development of the Twice Exceptional Message

This will be tabled until the GAC can collaborate with other stakeholders. A joint meeting with the State Advisory Council on the Education of Children with Disabilities needs to be planned. When they last left off a couple of years ago, the Colorado model was under consideration.

Gifted Education Professional Development

Needed updates to the Gifted Education Seminar (GES) were discussed. Needs to be made current with ESSA, new state laws, more recent research, etc. Challenges are lack of resources & funding to update, in addition to copyright issues. GES trainers have not had any updates for 2 years, communicate with them regarding needed changes. Need to decide on long term plan for delivery of GES.

Long term plan would be to move it all online. GES has good quality, interactive content. ISBE has moved to Sharepoint, updates can be moved there for now (<https://www.sharepointlms.com/>). Divide up the current modules to review for currency and broken links, the related Wikispace also needs to be reviewed. Links should be moved from IARSS (<http://iarss.org/gifted-education/differentiation/>) to ISBE Sharepoint website. A timeline was created to review the current GES to identify needed updates. Also need to look at alignment with Learning Forward professional learning standards. Both short term and long term changes should be created.

Overview of the State Approved ESSA Plan and its implications for Gifted Education

Ms. Beltchenko will share an ESSA Powerpoint with the GAC via email.

New Gifted Education Laws Discussion

Still waiting for PRESS to come out regarding the Accelerated Placement Act to see how school boards will be incorporating into their policies. ISBE may not need to go through rule making on the new law because there is not funding attached.

Other issues of interest

Hold January 9th or 12th for the next meeting. Agenda items to include: GES timeline, ramifications of Acceleration bill as deemed by PRESS, continue 2e conversation, ESSA update.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.