

GT Task Force Minutes

November 18, 2010

4:00

Professional Development Center

Gardnerville Elementary School

GT Task Force – approve minutes from March 25 th meeting	Unanimously approved
<p>UPDATES</p> <p>GT Testing – New identification process using NNAT II</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- now used it for two testing windows- Changes to Naglieri with 2nd/3rd grade students- Cost- Flow chart for release of information for both schools and parents <p>Concerns: Not identifying all types of students</p> <p>Recommendation: Review CogAT as a potential testing protocol in addition to the NNAT II for all students who are tested for GT Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Data from all schools shared• District and school averages are still above the national average for students identified as gifted• Concern regarding testing using the Naglieri that it doesn't hit all of the cognitive domains associated with giftedness• Discussion about using the CogAT as an additional testing measure that would cover verbal domains as well as qualitative domains.• Alison Mains moved to recommend to the DCSD School Board that we use the CogAt in addition to the Naglieri for identifying gifted students.• Unanimously approved• Kerry will make agenda request to the DCSD school board• Request to hold GT Parent Night in December or January and for upcoming school years, GT Informational Night will take place in August/September.
<p>Update on direction of Cluster Model in all schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Successes and pitfalls- Cost for effectiveness	<p>Site GT teachers are working on various hybrid models of instruction for GT students. Flexibility is key at this point.</p> <p>GT teachers shared positive results and challenges they envision.</p>

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Possible “hybrid” models for GT	
GT Parent Website as resource – view models and put in motion development of GT page on DCSD website – specifically, a resource page	Sharing of Arizona website we will use as model. Plan is to have GT resource page on DCSD website by January 2011.
GT Parent Handbook	GT teachers and Kerry Pope will start parent handbook revisions in December and will continue work through January. New handbook will be shared with Task Force once completed.
Public Comment 5:00 pm	None

Future Agenda Items:

Alternate Portfolio

Re-Cert credit opportunities for teachers

Middle School opportunities for GT students