

**Douglas County School District  
Gifted and Talented Task Force Meeting  
Thursday, May 14, 2015  
3:30 p.m.**

*Minutes Approved  
September 21, 2015*

## **MINUTES**

**Committee Members Present:** Jennifer Spohr – GT Teacher- PHES  
Kristy Reck – GT Teacher – CCMES/SES  
Kellie Esterby – GT Teacher – MES/GES

**District Personnel:** Brandon Swain, Director of Education Services – Area 4

### **Call to Order:**

Mr. Swain called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

### **Public Comment**

No public comment was offered.

### **Approval of Minutes of the meeting of March 25, 2015 meeting**

A consensus of the Committee Members in attendance was given to approve the minutes of March 25, 2015, as presented.

### **Report on GT Staff Meeting 5/8 at PHES**

Mr. Swain discussed the meeting held on May 8<sup>th</sup> with Mr. Been and Mr. Lewis in regards to providing services for 6<sup>th</sup> grade at the middle school level. The GT teachers were able to provide good understanding of what the GT program looks like and could look like at the middle school level. The principals provided a tentative schedule which would allow for some pull out for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and some possible push in, especially for math. Middle schools will be going with a teaming format so that GT teachers can work in those teams depending on how the scheduling works out at the elementary level.

### **Task Force Membership Establishing Guidelines**

Mr. Swain reviewed what was found in regards to membership guidelines for the GT Task Force.

- There currently are no written guidelines for the GT Task Force membership with regard to number of members or make-up
- There is a membership application form that will continue to be used
- Possible membership and numbers to consider: 1-District Office Administrator Facilitator (not a voting member), 3-GT teacher(s), 1-Elementary Administrator(s), 1-Middle School Administrator(s), 1-Parent(s), 1-Classroom teacher(s), 1-Student(s) per site, 1-Board Member.
- Current members will be contacted at the beginning of the 2015-16 school year to find out who would like to still be part of the task force

## **Identification Process**

Current AR 232 requires a score of 95%ile on standardized test (CoGAT or Naglieri)

NRS 388.520 GT falls under the category of IDEA and that each school district should have a program that meets the needs of gifted and talented students.

NAC 388.435 refers to “a team, comprised of persons selected by the public agency” (DCSD) concludes the pupil has scored 98%ile on standardized test an area of talent, including, but not limited to creative thinking, productive thinking, leadership, ability in the visual and or performing arts, as determined by the local agency (DCSD).

Other school districts have matrix, screening profiles, or nomination forms (examples provided)

- IQ scores
- Standardized achievement scores
- Classroom teacher report (form)
- Core grades
- Special factors (ELL, LD, health, socio economic)
- Behavioral (leadership, creativity, motivation)
- Visual and performing arts (artistic, musical, drama portfolio and/or student artifact samples)

Discussion ensued regarding having a possible panel put in place to make the determination of whether a student qualifies for GT. Last year, the GT Task Force voted to bring down the passing score to a 95%ile. The NAC references another means by which a student may qualify is by showing an area of talent. Ideas for a possible panel composition would be classroom teacher, GT teacher, site administrator and GT Director. Mr. Swain will contact other districts to get an example of alternative evaluation processes and provide a draft of the panel and process form for the task force to review at the next meeting.

## **Public Comment:**

No public comments were offered.

## **Future Agenda Items:**

## **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by,  
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