

# JAGC Board Meeting Notes

Thursday, October 17, 2019 5pm to 7pm West Jefferson Elem. 26501 Barkley Rd, Conifer

## Attendees

Guy Nahmiach, President  
Katherine Rickard, Treasurer  
Heather Groff, Secretary  
Michelle Stone  
Amy Dougherty  
Lisa Girard  
Joy Knox  
Ayrolyn Keady  
Roger Dowd, Ex officio  
Jean Willis Brown, Past President, Consultant  
Diana Caldeira, Coordinator RT  
Craig Walker, RT

## Agenda

**5pm** Introductions- (1 minute)

1. Welcome - Guy
  2. Committee reports/sign ups
    - Ambassadors--n/a
    - 2E--n/a
    - Policy Outreach
    - Communications
  3. Board Candidate Forum- Focus on GT (report)
    - Thought it was informative, good questions from audience
    - Getting new set of information with GT lens?
    - Need to plan sooner if we are going to do next year
    - Brought in high school student who gathered questions and sat with Guy to ask questions
      - Great experience for student
    - Conversation: difference between SPED and GT
    - Attendance 41 in audience--including JAGC, mostly parents--good to be visible so the new board members understand importance GT
    - PTA meeting had about 60 in attendance
    - Suggestions: send specific email blast for forum, also suggest plan as part of retreat, Google doc exists and will be updated by Amy
  4. Newsletter - Kelly-not here
    - Can see how many people opening newsletter
    - But cannot see what people are reading
    - Amy suggested quarterly survey for what people are interested in
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- What is biggest hurdle to meeting needs for kids?
  - By next meeting send Guy suggestion for question you would like to ask families--Heather will send out Google Doc
- 5. Social Media - Amy/Lisa
  - JAGC meetings on calendar on website
  - Guy would like to promote website more on FB
- 6. Report in meeting with new CDE Director, Rebecca McKinney- Michelle/Katherine
  - Teacher training and equity are her goals, ALP's at secondary to be more meaningful
    - Teacher training for new teachers in universities
    - Certification training
  - Invite to GESAC to help other parent groups (Gifted Ed State Advisory Committee) in January
    - Parent, community member, educator from each district
    - Can we invite to another meeting? (Amy Mashing district 7)
- 7. STEM endorsement on graduation diploma--Michelle will write up something for newsletter
- 8. Holiday party Wednesday, December 11, 4:30 to 7:30pm C+

#### 6PM Introductions (2 minutes)

1. Welcome to audience: 3 community members (Jen Wilson wants to be GT Ambassador at this school)
2. Principal comments - Wendy
  - Autism program, SED center too
  - 2E
  - Years ago pull out passion project
  - Partnership with West Jeff Middle School to work with differentiation
  - Instructional coach great resource (former Parmalee teacher)
  - Strength collaborative effort to look at data
  - Accelerated math 2nd year through coach (ID through math MAP score), use ALEKS for filling in gaps, pretesting 2nd grade end of year test, changing schedules, now about 16-17
  - Support with Autism center and high functioning ability to do math
  - Destination Imagination, other extracurricular programs to support
  - Lose some students to Parmalee but would like to support GT learners here
  - Expeditionary Learning, differentiated approaches
  - Passionate around unidentified gifted learners
3. RT's info
  - CAGT Dedicated to George Betts
  - Family Institute
    - Speakers and national experts
    - Registration 6pm, starts 6:30pm
  - Speakers Bureau
    - Request speakers to come to area

- Affiliate grant program targeted to rural areas
  - Bringing in new board members to represent whole state
  - 2E, sent out letter to all parents of 2E
    - Supporting parents, want to be invited to SPED and 504 meetings--over 700 families
    - Feedback was that parents were confused so letter may need to be modified
  - Building a flowchart for MTSS system for GT team
  - Starting to work with SELS to support kids in neighborhood schools
  - Parent learning nights (11/18 Jenny Hecht)
    - September meeting too early, eliminate next year
    - Guest speaker November
    - January with breakouts
    - February with JAGC
      - Invitations from different stakeholders and work through ambassadors
  - Online middle school GT courses--still small amount but sending out a lot of communications
- 4. Roger's Report
  - GT Champions Award given to Ginny 11/18 at 8am in Board Room, need JAGC person
  - Need blurb for GT Champions--check in with Danielle, set deadline
- 5. Open Floor (Board and Audience comments/questions)

## Notes

## Action Items

## Next Meeting Agenda Items

October 19 & November 2 CogAT testing days at Creighton Middle School 10:30 to 1:00

Jean & Michelle and Arolyn & \_\_\_\_\_

November 18 Jenny Hecht, GT Parent Learning Night

Dec 11 & 17 6:15 to 8pm New Jeffco GT parent meeting