

JAGC April Board Meeting

Thursday, April 9th, 5:00pm- 6:30pm - Via Zoom

Attendees

Guy Nahmiach, President
Danielle Hicks, Vice President
Katherine Rickard, Treasurer
Heather Groff, Secretary
Michelle Stone
Amy Dougherty
Nancy Yanasak
Lisa Girard
Ayrolyn Keady
Roger Dowd, Ex officio
RT's:

Dr. Jason Glass joined us too!

NOTES

Welcome - Guy

- Gratitude for parents that understand what teachers go through.
- Gratitude for teachers and what they are doing to support kids.
- Cory Gardner supporting 988 suicide hotline.
- Thankful for JAGC Board for showing up and stepping up.

Elections-recaps - Heather

- No report yet because it does not close until April 12.

Committee reports - Guy, Communications

- Great Feedback Facebook
- Need more GT resources
 - Heather will share some more GT resources
- Do we need more questions to pose?
- Are people focused on the basics right now?

GTAC meeting comments - Roger

- Uncertainty around grading policy
- Uncertainty about graduation

GT Champion program - Danielle

- Closed it out, 25 responses this year (10 last year)
- 15+teacher, 4 admin, no parent, at least 1 student
- Announce on 4/19

JAGC- summer retreat update - 2 min

- Wheatridge Rec Center or Everitt Middle School can host us
- Don't have date set yet, will plan after we know what requirements will be for gathering

RT Report- 2E transition/ Early Access

Stephanie, Jennifer, Ben

- Early Access: in limbo
 - 30 families completed applications
 - hope end summer or early fall to go through process
- SPARKS: in limbo, likely to be cancelled
- Professional Learning: Jenny
 - 4 RT's working with content specialists in math and ELA to help define beyond proficiency (4.0 task), to take kids to next level
 - Helping to define what they look like
- Piloting transitioning students 2E level changes (elementary to middle to high): Ben
 - Started process last spring, noticed change from elem to ms having some challenges. Reached out to 5th grade teachers to see what worked with them.
 - Developed 2E transition, using rubric from teacher and student/parents work on resume
 - Get team together to focus on student strength. Did 6 in spring allowing to be proactive.
 - Helped to cultivate some relationships among neighborhood schools and center schools with middle school.
 - This year 2-4 kids 5th gr center into 6th gr center working with Social Emotional specialist. Will schedule some Zoom/Google meetings.

- Google form from students, do GT teacher panel
- Successes/Failures
 - Success--ease kids' anxiety for the physical space, teachers
 - Growth point--having Executive Functioning support for parents and students
- Michelle suggested that Middle to High School is also big risk of drop out, have not started to have that conversation at that level yet
 - Roger said this is not feasible yet. Focus on center program to center program at this time.

Dr. Glass' family is doing well. We appreciate all the district is doing. He is proud of how Jeffco is managing and moving into new stage. Looking ahead, what will be impact school finance and budget impacts, maybe similar to 2009-2010. Budget will be due in 50 days and may have to make some hard decisions. The upside is opportunity for learning and growing as professionals and community.

Roger update -10 min

Conversation with Dr. Leach

- SPED serve students to the greatest extent possible
- Provide as much guidance to SPED providers
- Encouraged to reach out to families directly to find out what works best for them
- For families to ask questions or concerns, link on website
- Hearing from people outside of district that are giving positive feedback

Questions:

- Different expectations among schools and teachers:
 - Refer back to principal first.
 - If principal is not responding, elevate to community superintendent if general education concern. If SPED or GT issue, contact district directors.
 - Some teachers may have tried to move learning to online without changing format. Trying to stress asynchronous learning.
 - Roger gave feedback from GTAC meeting. Some kids appreciate the ability to connect with teachers and other students.

- Asked how many received local remote learning surveys--it was suggested from district.
- Monday professional learning and instructional coaches hold office hours.
- Question: Junior/Seniors: concerns about grading policies. Michelle let them know what CU is doing. Dr. Leach will release on Monday. Student grades can't drop but can go up. High school can do pass/fail if they want. How will they know what the grade was at beginning? Probably specifics will come out when the guidance is released to the community.

6:30PM meeting adjourned - Thank you.