



JEFFERSON COUNTY ASSOCIATION
FOR GIFTED CHILDREN

Board Meeting
January 10, 2019
Location: Ed Center
Room: 1C
Time: 4:30 – 6:50 pm

I. Open Meeting and Introductions – Jean (15 minutes)

a. General Housekeeping items – Email etiquette

Please start a new chain/subject line for a new topic. Also be cautious on “reply all” that you intend for it to go to all

b. Vaping in GT

Speaker offered 15 min at parent seminar. Board voted not to have her present at JAGC

c. Ambassador Challenge Update

We have 79 names so far, 6 went through the website and are coming through the website. Jean will send another email

II. Ben Hershelman and Diane Caldeira, Jeffco GT RTs (45 minutes)

Ben 1st year in this role, Jeffco student at home

Work w most of the middle schools N of I-70

a. SPARKS

Ben – summer school/camp for GT kids. I’m a co-administrator. Last year 400 kids registered (slightly expanded # of seats this year). Was Golden HS, now Wheat Ridge HS. Registration opens Feb 1. K-5th grade. June 17-28. Used to be in July, won’t likely be in July again. If kids have a specific program in mind, register early. Not limited to GT kids. 4 FT scholarships last year (want to do more, depends on budget). \$425 for 6-hour day or \$275 for half-day. Robotics, Raspberry Pi, finding your patronus (not offered this year), 2 PE-style classes. Get us the link for HS volunteer assistants

High potential week is GT Dept with Outdoor Lab (week before Sparks)

b. 2E Discussion

Diana Elk Creek, Marshdale, West Jeff, Parmalee, Bear Creek K-8, president of CAGT
Put together a list—in partnership w Paula—of what we’re doing:

- sharing more books, resources w parents and teachers including in parent seminars
- virtual 2E conference attendance, learning every day,
- working on building capacity in team to support 2E, internal Jeffco website for 2E resources, checklists, strengths-based approach, remind teachers regularly,
- 2E data spreadsheet to document what we’re doing, what interventions are working, support for transition, partnering w special ed dept,
- 2E tactic team to be proactive, ideas to support kids
- affective goal-setting in GT Center schools this year, next year to all. Affective success is foundational

- this year first time RTs can access IEP and 504. Confidentiality, need to know. Now invited to the table for IEP and 504 conversations. How to ensure RTs get invited to this convo? More of a concern for transitioning students

- to be considered 2E, you have to have a 504 or and IEP, as well as identified GT

- 2E inclusionary team new this year in conjunction w special ed. 55 teachers.

Presentations on executive functioning, and understanding 2E. up to 15 schools.

Stevens and N Arvada are the only Center schools. Avenue to build capacity at all schools

Roger – we've partnered in the past w CDE. Diana and Paula have worked w them in building resources. Online classes so teachers can get credit for additional learning.

IEP process and ALP process are still discrete. GT classes don't count as IEP minutes. What about when you're transitioning out. At end of IEP or 504. Hopefully we've been documenting what worked. We don't have a place to capture other than through GT dept. At elementary level, the school knows what they've done. GT Dept doesn't have resources to track all the kids coming off 504 or IEP. That's with the 504 or IEP process.

Jean – spent the break talking to 2E parents, and they're focused on the deficits. How do we as the district identify all the 2Es. District knows the identified 2Es. Can you offer resources to parents? We've had info nights, we talk to them about how to advocate for their kid. Roger suggested sending the note to proactively reach out. Jean asked if the "district" not RTs could send the note to 2E (and regular GT) kids. Jean was asking if an automatically generated communication was possible, not trying to make more work for RTs and Teachers. Hoping this can be automated by admin staff as they improve the online systems.

*Is this why the push back from some? Still more work initially for admin, but not anyone else.

Share your note with us before you send so we can take out the acronyms things that will confuse parents—not sure we can email parents. But we can be more proactive with communications with 2E families.

There's a lot of education needed in families about special education/law in general. Teachers need SPED docs before first day of school

Systems don't make the work go away, they just move it

Would rather have RTs respond to specific questions and help families than work on ALPs. ALPs required by law.

III. JAGC Election 2019, Danielle (20 minutes)

a. Timeline and Expectations

Secretary runs the elections. Bylaws stringent.

Beth move, Katherine second: Unanimous vote that Vice President host election this year

Beth move, Michelle second: Unanimous vote that election be held electronically

Katherine move, Kelly second: Unanimous vote to accept election timeline

- Today kickoff of election process
- Danielle will email the people who are up for re-election to complete the application and ask if they're running
- In Jan newsletter, watch for nominations open next month
- Feb 1 kickoff of nominating committee. Revise by-laws pertaining to committee and checklist by this date.
- Feb 17 nominations open, have to be open for two weeks, closing Mar 2
- Mar 7 board meeting when nominating committee discuss and approve the slate
- Mar 8 notice
- Mar 23 elections open, close Apr 6

Nomination form needs update before nominations open Feb 17 (Nancy). I state that everything on here is factual

Jean appoint nominating committee (3) with one chair: Kelly is chair, Michelle, Ayrolyn

IV. GT Department Focused Discussion - Roger (20 minutes)

- a. See Department Update doc for links and discussion points

The google doc is for JAGC to ask questions

V. Committee Summaries (20 minutes)

- a. Communications (Amy, Lisa, Katherine, Kelly)

Website – mental health, high school options, acceleration. Amy doing a great job with the calendar

Newsletter – Kelly taking over

- b. Guy – Community Outreach (Guy, Lisa, Kelly, Beth)

Stevens enrollment growing, GT dept making strides. Promises converted to expectations, non issue. Trust

New schools and makeovers

Nutritional committee – share feedback w Guy. No sugar

Ayrolyn will take notes for Beth next month's meeting (Feb 7) as Beth cannot attend