



JEFFERSON COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED CHILDREN

Board Meeting
December 6, 2018
Location: Ed Center
Room: 4E
Time: 4:30 – 6:50 pm

- I. Open Meeting and Introductions – Jean (15 minutes)
- General Housekeeping items – Facebook page

JAGC page isn't super active; stories we share are maybe perceived as endorsements.

JAGC closed group; to drive conversation we'll have to seed (and then moderate)

What if we "share" everything from Jeffco gifted and then add our other content when makes sense (Beth)

We're missing voice, goals, strategy, staff; disagree with sharing other's content (Lisa)

- Mental Health – JAGC Hang a Poster night

- Discussion of JAGC Parent info night – February 25 – panel members

Jean will facilitate

Panelists:

- Guy
- Michelle will think about it. Can we share our list of mental health professionals? 5 pages with NAGC at the top
- Need parents with broad experience / higher grades. Testing. 2E
- Students: high school – one from Wheat Ridge and one from Arvada
- Happy to be on the panel and bring kids to panel (Kelly, Lisa)

Committee (for topics and to help get people) – Kelly, Amy, Jean, Lisa

- II. Conference Update– Danielle (10 minutes)

Rights Law Seminar in Texas, October. Brought in the books. Wasn't worth the trip for experienced person. Books good info for parents. All About IEPs repeats itself a bit. From Emotions to Advocacy. Special Education Law.

Friend at the beginning of her journey found it very informational. Pre- and post-quiz. 504 follows kid to college if you want it to (if been in effect for so long). IEP doesn't.

Roger – resource for parents. Special Ed law and support –

www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/pep . Free; lodging and some expenses covered

- III. Tonia Heffley and Marla Caviness-French, Jeffco GT RTs (20 minutes)

- Depth and Complexity

- CoGAT testing

Marla – center is West Jeff. Secondary. Green Mtn, Dunston, Alameda, Lakewood, Warren Tech, Warren Tech North, Manning, Foothills Elementary, Green Mt Elementary

- CoGAT testing coordinator – from paper and pencil to online for universal assessment. This year is phase III. 107 schools are online; 2 charters are paper pencil. Data comes back within 48 hours. Three phases of testing.
 - CoGAT info night Dec 12 (weather backup Dec 19) – most of the questions are about "how do I get an ALP." 45 min CoGAT then ALP info. Attendance growing – trying to leave parents feeling empowered. Do teachers know there're a bunch of empowered parents coming their way? Yes if they read their letters. Teachers understand this.

- 5 handouts that night. Multiple modalities so overwhelmed parents can hear and understand (reduce instance of many emails with a single parent)
- Trying to schedule info nights quickly following test results
- Trying to go beyond “this is the GT test” and dive into how it can be used for instruction. Teacher materials so they understand (experienced teachers new to testing). Train on what cognitive assessment is (not just academic assessment)
- Affective goal is not highlighting weakness – not a deficit model. ALP is academic and affective goal setting – can all be strengths-based. Secondary affective can be college or career exploration.
 - **Share the good example affective goals with Roger (Lisa, Beth)**
- GT Parent Seminar in Jan 28 – not like the GT Info night in September
- Main Jeffco GT flyer will include CoGAT date
- www.giftedtalentedsecondaryperspective.com
 - Bringing people together from across the state to talk about secondary GT, met CAGT 2017, 2018
 - Met Oct here, Nov Cherry Creek, Mar going to Douglas County, Summer in Ft Collins – unexpected bonus that students are attending and voicing their opinions
 - Website older info – join the email list
 - Rural folks coming along, less isolated
 - Schools to learn more about on the website – benchmarking best practices
 - CAGT doing a great job incorporating secondary, people coming out happy
 - ICAP is goals, not ALP. Naviance is the management system. Exploring. Jeffco doesn’t have parent portal access to Naviance. Log in as student and look under tasks assigned to me / tasks completed. Meaningful and manageable.

Tonia – center is Everett MS. Allendale, Arvada k-8, Coal Creek Canyon, Westwoods, Three Creeks, Woodrow Wilson Academy, Fitzmorris

- One of the initiatives working on – **depth and complexity (lens)**. Not a resource/tool though many around country view that way. Trained 80+ schools (teams of teachers, vertical, grade level) some neighborhood + all centers. Based on **11 icons** corresponding to thinking. Center – elementary teachers work together. Correlation for **thinking maps (framework)** is other resource GT Center teachers are using. Teachers are embracing. It’s the professional learning that makes it valuable.

IV. Ambassador Program – Ayrolyn, Jean, Guy (30 minutes)

- Discussion of recruiting strategies
- Ambassador Training Planning

Which schools are lacking ambassadors? Most/all. Need blurb of responsibilities and time commitment. Be helpful to RT, principal and parents, get GT-relevant dates/info on website or Friday folder, refer questions to JAGC. Be helpful in the way that’s comfortable to you. JAGC put out a challenge to RTs, who can get the most names of parents interested in being ambassadors. Moved and seconded for board to cover \$100 gift card

Email link on website (to Arolyn) not arriving

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Marla suggested that principals know this more – GT parents in their office all the time, recruit them as ambassadors

Arolyn step out of leading this, happy to be helpful in doses. Guy and Jean taking on

Training (Ayrolyn) before seminar on Jan 28. 5:30 with pizza

- V. GT Department Focused Discussion - Roger (20 minutes)
· See Department Update doc for links and discussion points

Thank you for comments on google doc, run-through

- Don't know what's coming from the district – Enroll Jeffco deadline pushed back. Still for all families, particularly for GT Center families to continue.
- GTAC meeting – full now
- JVA is JeffCo virtual academy. This is our GT version (taught by GT endorsed teachers). Students only get credits for high school classes while they're in high school. Work it out with their counselor

- VI. Committee Summaries (20 minutes)
· Amy and Lisa – Communications (Amy, Lisa, Katherine, Kelly)

Nothing new. Had a crisis – website went away for a while, team got it up and fixed.

Newsletter – everyone submits. Deadline Wednesday

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

Nothing. Has been so quiet. New principals head down working.

Holiday part Monday Dec 10

- VII. Guest Presentation – CCASA, Kelsey Brown (20 minutes)
· Outreach strategies for proposed Federal rule changes (see attachment)

Kelsey

Any institution that has federal funding

60-day comment period (deadline Jan 28), then 30-day review/response (substantive comments)

Please submit a comment (public record, can do anonymous), and ask your networks to do the same

- Talking points 1.5 page
- National Women's Law Center
 - 5 pager outlines changes
 - Comment guide
- Dec 19 webinar on how to submit a comment