



JEFFERSON COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED CHILDREN

Board Meeting
March 7, 2019
Location: Ed Center
Room: 2A
Time: 4:30 – 7 pm

In attendance

Executive Board: President – Jean Willis-Brown, Vice President - Danielle Hicks,
Secretary – Beth Clark, Treasurer – Katherine Rickard

Members at Large: Guy Nahmiach, Michelle Stone, Amy Dougherty, Ayrolyn Keady, Lisa Girard, Kelly Bunnell

Absent

Nancy Yanasak, Ex Officio Member: Roger Dowd

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

- Dr Glass Mtg summary - Amy, Danielle and Jean met w Roger and Dr Glass (Kevin usually attends). Was a follow-up to past meetings, we always thank him and have a couple of asks. Dr Glass listens and takes notes.
 - JAGC had asked to get one homework platform per building
 - Our district has the largest GT staff in the state (but how many are school-based?). RTs are all TOSA (Teacher On A Special Assignment)
 - The district will be posting nationally the Executive Student Success Officer (mental health, GT, more). Kevin was the first. JAGC asked to be in the interview
 - Should be easy letter out from district to identified GT (or GT and SPED or IEP) – “you have an ALP... you can/should be involved”. JAGC offered to help write the letters. RT Lindsey said we’ve done it some years and not others.
 - JAGC recognized as national resource (NAGC included us in top 10 national resources in 2017), had asked to be on the district GT website. We’re now higher up and more visible.
 - Chalk talk – weekly update, JAGC going to be included.
 - Didn’t mention the mental health initiative

II. Executive Board Updates – Danielle, Katherine, Beth – 10 minutes

- Beth to start each meeting with approval of last month’s meetings. All members agreed that we’ll approve meeting minutes at the following meeting, and then they’ll be posted on the website.
- Danielle presented to teachers and BLs, asked them to invite RTs to IEP meetings, talked about the website and newsletter
- Katherine budget update
 - o most of our funds come from CAGT sending people to the seminar, they each have to designate JAGC
 - o website is about \$200/year
 - o printing a big expense (make sure it’s evergreen so we don’t have loss/waste)

- Danielle – annual meeting of members where JAGC announce the board members – May meeting (elections close after the April meeting)

III. Connie Brown & Lindsey Reinert, Jeffco GT RTs (30 minutes)

- GT Issues and Focus Points

Lindsey Reinert – in dept 11 years, Coronado is center school

- Forwards the JAGC newsletter to her distribution; not sure if all the RTs get it
- Professional learning for BLs, initiative to shift from BL to leader (past two years). Skills around shared leadership, options for self-paced coursework (clock hours – also can get for parent nights). They're volunteers.
- Building capacity – feedback on how they're using Monthly Toolbox (some forward to lists, some pick/choose and print for folks). Often/in the past it's been reactive and individual; now have chosen topics, curate and share tools. And include on cover sheet so people can go back to past topics. Not everything is around GT strategies, it's overall best practices. Internal Jeffco Google, can JAGC get on the distribution list.
- GT Updates (2x/month) similar to district leadership memo (too much for a BL to sift through). Working to categorize/filter by audience (teachers, parents, middle/high). Requested more filtering and will be doing.
- Monthly Toolbox and GT Updates sent out by the RT. Some principals send it out to everyone. Timely content
- Logistics challenge BL between JAGC Ambassador – BL wants to create a list and send info. Can't share info with JAGC Ambassador (privacy). Every school does it different.
- Coordinator for Early Access since she started. Now has help for Early Access and Acceleration (app open until April 1). Early Access usually has 60-80 applications. 178 districts in the state, only 42 engage in Early Access.
- Replacement for CDE Director? Diana Caldeira on the committee. Went through a round and didn't find the right candidate. Reposted and now in second phase. Unsure when interviews would be / when the person would start (likely finish out their existing contract). What do educators want from the role? Not a lot of educator or director voice. CAGT has a voice. GSAC has a voice.

Connie Brown – mostly HS and some middle, Arvada High now a center, Wheat Ridge center

- Primary job when hired was to work with secondary (based on experience).
- In last 18 months pulling in student voices: they struggle with ALP goals; some now engaged with state advisory board.
 - o Had more than a dozen who offered to go to Feb. 25 event.
 - o Having people in the school who recognize and support is so helpful
- ALP goals focused on interest-based (not strength) in secondary. Interest is often but not always strength. Should be purpose driven and not goal driven. Meaningful and manageable. Some schools use Naviance, some merge with ICAP, some use Google survey so teachers can access it.
 - o Naviance amazing tool for college-bound students

- o Looking at new collection and storage strategies. Want to get ALP academic goal to appear for the teacher (mouse over).
- o Advisory classes. Some schools are doing ALP specific advisory grouping. Resource experts creating little learning modules. 3 social/emotional, 3 academic.
- o Newsletter for student opportunities
 - Starting to get invited to
- o School nights, conferences, “talk to me about ALPs / GT supports”
- o Staff trainings
- o Online classes / discussion
 - Cultivating Curiosity and other course for teachers

IV. JAGC Election 2019, Nomination Committee (15 minutes)

- Nomination Summary – received 5 applications: at large Amy, Nancy, Joy Knox (new); secretary Beth; president Guy. Recommending all for the slate. JAGC board has one open at-large position.
- Floor Nominations – Jean asked does anyone want to nominate anyone else for the executive board? Katherine nominated Jean for president, Lisa seconded. Jean did not accept the nomination. No additional nominations from the floor.
- Slate Approval. Beth moved, Michelle seconded. All in favor, none opposed.
 - Jean dissolved the nominating committee
 - All the applicants need to submit bios to Danielle by March 20.

V. JAGC 2019-2020 Retreat Planning Discussion - (10 minutes)

- Need to determine a date – between July 1 and August 8. Tentatively Thursday, July 18.
- Need to determine space – Golden High School (Beth), Wheat Ridge Rec Center (Guy), Stevens (Ayrolyn)

VI. Committee Summaries (40 minutes)

- JAGC “GT Champion” Finest Awards – Michelle.
 - Quarterly award to acknowledge schools/more. How do we get referrals for who to reward – likely RTs are feeding us. RTs should be eligible, as should Ambassadors. Looking at what to call the categories. Define how nominations come in, guidelines for how we decide. Maybe we use a link (like the Ambassador sign-up form)
 - What do they get?
 - Membership / dues – donations (for recognition)
 - Michelle take back to Roger, ask if we can have RTs’ feedback
 - Guy – Community Outreach (Guy, Lisa, Kelly, Beth)
 - Stevens built a city, planned out a hallway
 - Tuesday – first of every month. Tips go to a classroom. \$400 this week to 2nd grade teacher who’s a big believer in advanced learners
 - Wheat Ridge HS just opened CNA-certified training lab. One of the kids who was on our panel is there

- GT kids who don't finish high school turn to Warren Tech. Converting Jeffco school buses into food trucks. If they work it for 5 years they can keep the bus/truck. Like "Schoolies, the new van culture"
- Jean – GT Parent Seminar JAGC night Autopsy. Feb. 25 event "Ask me anything" was a great idea but the Bradford family wanted to know about Bradford's program (which is doing something different). Seminar is supposed to be broad based.

New topics

- RT load/distribution – by enrollment, not by ALPs. Can we ask Roger explain how/why it is?
 - o Grants to hire more RTs
 - o Add it to JAGC agenda?
 - o SELs vs RTs?
 - o How many additional RTs do we need?
 - o Reduced involvement of parents