

Gifted Task Force

Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2017

Taskforce members in attendance introduction:

Sharon Marine, Estrella Mountain ES School Rep.
Tamara Chaney, Estrella Mountain ES Teacher Rep
Cynthia Steele, Freedom ES Teacher Rep.
Tim Dickey, Las Brisas Academy School Rep.
Amy Dorsett, Las Brisas Academy Teacher Rep
Jennifer Gray, Liberty ES School Rep.
Nichole Paul, Liberty ES Teacher/Parent Rep
Dr. Terri Matteson, Rainbow Valley ES School Rep
Julie Sowers, Rainbow Valley ES Teacher Rep.
Dave Bogart, Westar ES School Rep.
Shawna Matteson, Westar ES Teacher/Parent Rep.
Dr. Kyann McMillie,

Taskforce members not in attendance:

Toni Reynolds, Freedom ES School Rep.
Michelle Teeter, Westar Parent Rep.
Cathy McVey, Rainbow Parent Rep.

1:03 p.m. Opening statements

The gifted laws reviewed individually by task force members.

Dr. McMillie stated that the 2012 Scope & Sequence follows along with Areas to review and update. She then navigated the team through the materials identifying and bringing attention to the locating of line items that were on the table for review within the agenda.

The team discussed the 2012 cut scores for giftedness adopted by the Governing Board in comparison to the 2008 cut scores for giftedness used in the past that were not adopted by the Governing Board. The cut scores for other school districts in the area were also discussed. Motion to keep the 2012 cut scores for giftedness at 97 and 94-96 with a portfolio approved with no opposing.

Program Design, section a: Academic standards wording was discussed in great detail. The team agreed that the wording needed updating. The team agreed on new wording and Dr. McMillie revise the document.

Differentiation, section b: Team members discussed accurate wording to best represent the student as a whole.

Goals, section b: The team members agreed it would be best to review its content and bring back ideas to discuss at the next meeting asking the question, what is the goal of our program?

Service Delivery, page 3: Dr. McMillie calls attention to two items. Integration of Arizona standards should fall under e., Curriculum and Instruction and Parental Involvement paragraph should fall under j., Parent and Community Involvement. This item will be discussed further at the next meeting.

The team discussed notification to the public and the desire for the public to know what great work is being done, best times for the Gifted Task Force to meet next was also discussed, with respect to parents who work and teachers who have after school functions.

The Gifted Task Force will reconvene on Thursday, August 31, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

3:08 p.m. Meeting adjourned