

## Gifted Task Force

### Meeting Minutes

August 31, 2017

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#### Taskforce members in attendance:

Tamara Chaney, Estrella Mountain ES Teacher Rep.  
Toni Reynolds, Freedom ES School Rep.  
Cynthia Steele, Freedom ES Teacher Rep.  
Timothy 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, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning

#### Taskforce members not in attendance:

Sharon Marine, Estrella Mountain ES School Rep.  
Cathy McVey, Rainbow Parent Rep.  
Michelle Teeter, Westar Parent Rep.

3:05 Dr. McMillie announced the meeting will be delayed as a few of the taskforce members were unavoidably delayed and their input is valuable to the team.

Meeting called to order at 3:12 PM

Dr. McMillie: Review Norms, Housekeeping and asked the team to, "Speak loudly so everyone can hear comments and suggestions."

The taskforce members reviewed the minutes from August 24, 2017. Tamara Chaney asked for correction on cut scores stating it was the 2008 cut scores and scope and sequence adopted by the Governing Board.

Motion to table the minutes from August 24, 2017 until corrections can be made and presented to the taskforce on September, 7<sup>th</sup> 2017 for final review; Dr. Matteson moves, Dave Bogart seconds, and all members in favor.

All members reviewed Section A. Definition on Program Design Cluster, tabled in last meeting for corrections. All members agree to the corrections.

Dr. McMillie read aloud Section B followed by comments or questions. Cynthia Steele said that they flowed nicely. Motion to accept Section B as is; Dave Bogart moves, Tamara Chaney seconds, and all members in favor.

Dr. McMillie read aloud Section C, then acknowledging Tamara Chaney and Cynthia Steele for their fine wordsmithing. Motion to accept Section C as is; Nichole Paul moves, Cynthia Steele seconds, and all members in favor.

Dr. McMillie provided all members with Scope and Sequence for Giftedness from the Laveen School District, Washington School District, and the Litchfield School District for review.

The team discussed considerations of a individualized plan supporting gifted students. The taskforce agreed that an Individual Gifted Plan, IGP, is the term best suited for differentiation and a necessary component of identifying needs of the whole student.

Dr. McMillie read aloud the 2<sup>nd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade MAG cluster grouping. It was agreed to make no changes until further clarification and compliance can be made.

Dr. McMillie read aloud Grade 6 departmentalized and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade cluster model. The team provided feedback. Dr. McMillie stated that she will take what the team provided, meld it with Litchfield's model to present at the next meeting.

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Dr. McMillie read Section D aloud and opened for comments and suggestions. It was agreed on by the team to leave Section D as is provided Dr. McMillie make the agreed upon changes and provide to the team for review at the next meeting for approval.

Sections E and F were read and discussed. Motion to table Sections E and F; Tamara Chaney moves, Nichole Paul seconds the motion. Section E and F will be tabled for cleaning and fine tuning and presented to the team for review at the next meeting for approval.

The Gifted Taskforce agreed to reconvene on September 7, 2017 at 3:00 PM in the Governing Board Room.

Motion to adjourn; Jennifer Gray moved, Tamara Chaney seconds, and all member in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 4:52 PM