

Gifted Task Force

Meeting Minutes

September 7, 2017

Taskforce members in attendance:

Sharon Marine, Estrella Mountain ES School Rep.
Tamara Chaney, Estrella Mountain ES Teacher Rep.
Cynthia Steel, Freedom ES Teacher Rep.
Timothy Dickey, Las Brisas Academy School Rep.
Amy Dorsett, Las Brisas Academy Teacher Rep.
Jennifer Gray, Liberty ES School Rep.
Dr. Terri Matteson, Rainbow Valley ES School Rep.
Julie Sowers, Rainbow Valley ES Teacher Rep.
Dr. Kyann McMillie, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning

Taskforce members not in attendance:

Toni Reynolds, Freedom ES School Rep.
Cathy McVey, Rainbow Valley ES Parent Rep.
Nichole Paul, Liberty ES Teacher/Parent Rep.
Shawna Matteson, Westar ES Teacher/Parent Rep.
Michelle Teeter, Westar ES Parent Rep.

Meeting called to order at 3:02 PM

Dr. Kyann McMillie provided the taskforce members a hard copy of the agenda.

Taskforce members read the minutes dated August 24, 2017 for final review. Taskforce members read the minutes dated August 31, 2017 for initial review. Motion to accept meeting minutes dated August 24, 2017 and August 31, 2017; Sharon Marine moves, Cynthia Steel seconds the motion, and all members in favor.

Sections D, Program Models were discussed by the team. Dr. McMillie felt it best to table Section D until an accurate document, reflecting the team's decisions, can be presented before approval. Motions to table Section D until changes are made and revisited at the next meeting; Tamara Chaney moves, Sharon Marine seconds the motion, and all members in favor.

Sections E and F, under Curriculum and Instruction, were reviewed by the taskforce for final review. Motion to accept sections E and F; Dr. Terri Matteson moves, Dave Bogart seconds the motion, and all members in favor.

Section G, Identification and Eligibility. In this initial review the taskforce members discussed universal screening to identify potentially eligible students, a referral process for eligible students and proposed assessment periods.

Section H, Social and Emotional. In this initial review the taskforce members discussed meeting the needs of the entire student and proposed moving sentences within this section to closer related sections.

Section I, Professional Development. In this initial review the taskforce discussed mandatory specialized training for all teachers servicing gifted students, the district providing annual mandated training for all teachers on how to best meet the needs of gifted children, and providing additional opportunities as needs arise.

The Gifted Taskforce agreed to reconvene on September 14, 2017 at 3:00 PM in the Governing board Room.

Motion to adjourn; Tamara Chaney moves, Jennifer Gray seconds, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 4:31 PM