

**MINUTES**

**GE-SAC Meeting**

**Date: December 2, 2021**

AGENDA:

**Zoom Meeting                    VIRTUAL**

Minutes Taken By: Shalelia Dillard

Topic	Notes
Members Present	Heather Savory, Nikki Myers, Elena Henry, Connolly Sherwood, Shalelia Dillard, Michelle Barkmeyer, Amy Graefe, Terri Loiselle, Miles Skoog, Qing Hua, Rebecca McKinney, Mury Sutherlin, Michelle Stout, Karla Esser (State School Board), Amy Graefe, Ruthi Manning-Freeman, Natalie Brown, Kayla Steffens, Lindsey Reinert, Wendy Niccoli, Marcy Palmer (BOCES Representative replacing Terri Jones)., Becca Koster, Marcy Palmer, Darcey Perlman, Karen McKay
Members Absent	
Introductions and Welcome	Welcome Poll and Check-in (in chat): Share one word to describe how you are feeling today.
Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve minutes made by Nicole Brown and seconded by Michelle Barkmeyer. Motion Passed.
Remark Rebecca McKinney CDE Gifted Director	Working on continuing monitoring visits (3 visits so far) and will have 7 of 13 completed by the end of the year. Had extended budget and reviewed budgets for AU's being submitted. Couple of action teams surrounding bodys of evidence, determination protocols. Will create a toolkit with training of new action items. Ensuring a process that is equitable and can impact GT students.
Remarks Karla Esser State Board of Education	Role of State board for GT. Most of what the State Board comes from legislators, has a group that rights the rules, holding accountability for standards and approves standards. At least 15 different areas that have standards. Most contentious standards currently are surrounding CRT and social studies. For example; 2-3rd grade How different minorities are impacted. Send an impact statement that supports the standards. There is great representation from every group of BIPOC leaders, community organizations. Write a statement from GE- SAC to the board concerning GT and social studies.- We support the legislation (all minorities will be represented) and look at who is on the committee, support members of the standard writing curriculum, Come in early enough to present and sign up. January 12th and 13th. Revisiting Holucost standards.
Affinity Groups Parent Community Educator	Social Studies Standards: <a href="https://www.cde.state.co.us/standardsandinstruction/socialstudiesrevisionrecommendationsnov-21">https://www.cde.state.co.us/standardsandinstruction/socialstudiesrevisionrecommendationsnov-21</a> <a href="https://www.cde.state.co.us/standardsandinstruction/casreviewgroups">https://www.cde.state.co.us/standardsandinstruction/casreviewgroups</a>

	<p>Working in affinity groups to create a template to send to State Board of Education regarding Social Studies Standards <a href="#">GESAC Standard Position Template</a></p> <p><b>Parent:</b></p> <p><b>Educator:</b> Started with high school - seems like the standards in the effort to be more inclusive they are not being balanced (more negative terms included).</p> <p><b>Community:</b> As community member, it's important that all Coloradoans are represented and that they have received adequate education to be compassionate, contributing humans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-gifted learners that it is imperative that they learn about varying perspectives</li> <li>-We appreciate the flexibility in the standards and inclusion of terms like curiosity, creativity, evaluate, synthesize, inquire, etc.</li> <li>-Dislike pervasive use of term "minority"</li> <li>-minimum bar and Reach standards</li> </ul> <p>Michelle Barkmeyer motioned to approve recommendation that we submit the letter to represent GE-SAC at the next Board meeting, Nicole Brown seconded the motion. All approved.</p>
<p>Affinity Groups Congressional Districts</p>	<p>CD1 CD2 CD3 CD4 CD5 CD6</p> <p>Did not Meet</p>
<p>Standing Committees –</p>	<p><u>Outreach:</u> Quick minutes. Could a quick minute summary be provided before each meeting and sent out before the next meeting? Summary meeting notes will allow us to be more intentional. Front loading of the agenda for our meetings to be more effective. How can we make our quarterly meetings more like work time. More time to have output time. Propose to reach out to the speaker prior to the meeting and share.</p> <p>*Would like to make the December meeting a review of the Social studies standards.</p> <p><u>Legislative: Jan 12, 2021</u>the session starts The Joint Budget committee (started Nov. 1st.) decides how much money they get. Lobbyist requested \$263,000. Ed and Jen are lobbyists met with the leg. regarding not getting the increase for funding. Under state law each categorical should have a cost of living, but need that increase. House and senate Ed committee to make recommendations for GT budget increase. Worked on Legislative day will open January 3rd. By late January/early Feb will have a decision.</p>

	<p><u>Membership:</u> 19 applications for open positions. Create a checklist/rubric to make final decisions. December 15th will send invitation for February meeting to attend as a guest. Had 1 applicant for District 4 (South and Rural/Western slope) and 1 student applicant. How to get more Western slope applicants and engagement. Congressional district community position. Will send an email for more open positions.</p>
Guest Presenter:	None
BOCES	Had all GT coordinators at last meeting, talked about topics important to small rural areas. Identifying students in arts areas. Continue to have zoom monthly meetings. dec.1 meeting- networking with BOCES GT leaders to impact students in rural areas.
CAEGTC	Co-presiding governor. Induction Ceremony on January 22, 2022, virtually, inducting 10 new members. Honorary membership to keynote speaker. Launched the next round of e-tips for creativity- google form and request e-tips needed. Launch of Creativity eTips- Interested in accessing these resources visit <a href="https://www.caegtc.org/pd.html">https://www.caegtc.org/pd.html</a>
CAGT	Colleen: Working on CAGT annual conference October 16-18, Loveland. Call for proposal Colo Leaders and Actions, Teachers of color and Mental Health support for Conference fees. Youth Impact awards and leadership awards in April. Legislative Day Feb 24th, virtually. 9-12 graders connect with legislators and have a chance to understand the legislative process. There will be breakout sessions. Seniors will have a day at the Capitol March 10th where they will shadow senators and legislators. The essay is on the website. Registration will open in early January. Lobbyists will be speaking about increased GT funding. CAGT membership form, if not will be removed by Dec. 18th. Need as many members as possible to have a bigger impact. Virtual Professional learning with Speakers Bureau. Happy to take letters to the executive Board to support social studies standards. Vending at CASB, created an infographic surrounding inequities of GT elimination. Conversations with CAGT every Tuesday at 5pm.
Gifted Education Coalition	N/A
University Updates	<p>Amy Graefe- Not present</p> <p>Lindsey- The 2022 GEPSC will be March 17-18, 2022. Very likely a hyflex option.. DU will be hosting the 2022 International Dabrowski Congress on July 18-19 <a href="https://bit.ly/DC2022Info">https://bit.ly/DC2022Info</a>. World Conference in GT education and professional learning to support AU for gifted learning ( WCGTC Global Principles for Professional Learning in Gifted Education. <a href="https://bit.ly/2021GPPLGE">https://bit.ly/2021GPPLGE</a></p>

	<p>). DU certificate cohort options, and Culturally linguistic gifted course that meets CDE guidelines in the summer for 10 weeks. Working on twice-exceptional course. I-REECH grant impacting rural education. Computer science training, CR training. Professional learnings in Fall, Spring and summer.</p> <p>UCCS- Not Present</p>
Gifted and Talented Leaders of Color and Allies	Spanish Family night with Hector Rivera (GT Leader in Puerto Rico) was a success, partnered with Adams 12. had over 150 attendees. Will be hosting Black Family night and other marginalized family nights towards the beginning of the year. Many of us attended NAGC. Alesandra, Cecilia and Rosa had a successful session but would have loved for more Spanish speaking families to attend.
<b>Action Teams</b> Strategic Planning Work- Prioritize two pillars to focus on for the year	Did not Meet.
Open Comment time	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Send an email to Connolly for congressional districts that are going to be modified.</li> <li>2. Extending CD 3 for Community and CD 4 for Parent. Would like representation from Rural CD's.</li> </ol>
Meeting Recommendations to SBE	Letter to SBE for support on revisions to the Social Studies Standards.
Upcoming Meetings	Thursday February 3rd, 2022, virtually.
Adjournment	Motion to adjourn made by Connally; seconded by Becca Kosner-. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 1:24 p.m.