

**APPROVED MINUTES****GE-SAC Meeting: May 13, 2024**

Minutes Taken By: Teresa Brown/Shalelia Dillard

Topic	Notes
Members Present	Jacie Durrie, Teresa Brown, Diane Barranco, Cecilia Quintanilla, Rebecca McKinney, Connolly Sherwood, Natalie Brown, Heather Savory, Heather Baskin, Beau Manierre, Darcey Perlman, Wendy Jensen, Kristin Shapiro, Kinsey Perlman, Cameron Hays, Kate Bachtel, Charnetta Lewis, Ginny Johnson, Marissa Benson, Michael Scott, Jennifer Rizzo, Marissa Benson, Joi Lin, Terri Loiselle, Kelci Barr, Marcy Palmer
Guests	Mark Hess, Stephen Varela
Members Absent	NA
Committee Public Note Catcher	NA
Introductions and Welcome	Jaci Durrie welcomed new and returning members. Members introduced themselves, their role, and their congressional district. Wendy, Beau, Kelsey, Cameron, Charnetta, Kinsey Becca & Joi Leaving
Approval of Minutes	<p>February 12, 2024 Minutes            Motion: Dr. Kate Bachtel            Second: Dr. Joi Lin</p> <p>Education &amp; Legislation advised that their notes were not included in the minutes from this meeting; Full approval pending addition of these notes</p>
Last Meeting Review	NA
Remarks- Rebecca McKinney CDE Gifted Director	<p>Long Bill - Funding approved; increase; universal screening K-2 and middle school; 45-55% of funding; did not see an increase in general funding however; In final stages of database/reporting — rollout; 2E summer institute in June in Grand Junction - Donovan Taylor Hall keynote NAGC, Robert - building box of brain development registration closes soon; portability of identification doesn't always get communicated - October count error flag if id in the prior district and new district is not counting them as gifted;</p>
<p>Affinity Group Work:</p> <p>Kick Off Onboarding</p>	<p><u>Community:</u> <a href="#">Community Affinity Onboard Note Catcher</a></p> <p><u>Parents</u> <a href="#">Parent Affinity Onboard Note Catcher</a></p> <p>CD 3-4 - Acronym cheat sheet would be helpful with hyperlinks; relational chart to illustrate the outside orgs mean to GESAC also entities to CDE and how it relates to us; handbook and people have different learning styles with narrated slides visual audio; in AM have short session on what GESAC is for grounding - it's harder to observe without a baseline in understanding; or have a special orientation prior to this meeting; talked about retreat time frame July is fine but earlier is better because things ramp up for school for teachers and students and parents.            Ex: <a href="#">Colorado BOCES</a></p> <p>CD 5-6 - role of each committee; purpose of ge-sac; hopes for new members and what they'd anticipated getting out of/giving to ge-sac; retreat itself</p> <p>CD 7-8 - Retreat mostly; handbook and future meetings; it'd be nice to set goals for the whole group and for subgroups in advance so we would know; membership committee to discuss vacancies and needs for upcoming new members, urgent member needs, ideas to recruit; teambuilding, attendance at retreat was helpful; time for year closer to the end of the school year would be helpful; Mondays and Tuesday; 220 calendars/admin is vacation time makes it</p>

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	difficult; handbook review revise and update; handbook; half days lately; maybe this would help students to be able to attend;
Remarks- Stephen Varela State Board of Education	9:03 - Homeschool enrichment; funding and rulemaking; funding model multi-district; contract/private schools \$4600/student; appointment to committees changed: application process for committees to support rural community involvement; Glenwood Springs, June meeting SBOE partisan determines changes, equity conversations, encouraging parent involvement; CDE restructuring and staff resignations; a focus: GT Curriculum and outreach to support families. His #: 719-252-3170
Membership Voting	Full committee votes to approve new members
Standing Committees –	<p>Introductions of committees Goal is to recruit members based on vacancies. At the retreat, discuss vacancies. Work with communications to promote as well as with Diane to invite them to the committee. Share with CAGT. Review application and recommendation letters. Questions: How old does your child have to be in order to be a part of GESAC? Answer: The committee reviews each case. We know that there are children that are 2E and they are still as student because they can continue on until they are 21.</p> <p>Legislative committee- Reviews upcoming legislation that connects to gifted students and whether or not we want to give recommendations to the state board. Example, the MATH Act, there was language about “advanced”, and was able to discuss whether this related to gifted education.</p> <p>Communication Committee- Works on everything related to communications. Works on flyers for promoting membership and drafting letters to the state board</p> <p><b>Membership:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Jennifer Rizzo - recruit new members each year based on term vacancies; work with communication, CAGT, to promote; review applications and references; pass on to state board for approval; parent rep noted their child graduated after they joined the committee, do they still remain parent rep? Yes - they still remain parent rep.</li> </ul> <p><b>Communication</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">GESAC Communication</a>- everything related to communication; one-pager/fliers and letters to state board</li> </ul> <p><b>Legislation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Teresa Brown - reviewing upcoming bills and legislation for how it applies to or might impact gifted education</li> </ul>
Partnership Reports	NA
BOCES	Marcy - Met in Feb and April; focus has been on SB Rep on ECA rule that went to SB around AU reorganization; Tabled to give time to gather more input and will be heard again later; Funding - how can we improve GT offerings in rural communities? small number of students make it difficult; universal screener grant has helped;
CAEGTC	No representative present

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CAGT	<p>MarK Hess - Conference: October 20-22 - Temple Grandin is primary keynote; cogifted.org is website for registration; block of hotel rooms fill up quickly; groups often cannot get in; Virtual conference is still open from 2023; licensure credit is still available via website; family institute co-hosted by bvsd; Emily Circher Morris keynote; first time uncoupled from CAGT conference; idea is to move it to locations throughout Colorado to increase access to families; proposal presentations are open and close June 24; youth impact award due June 10: award due earlier than other awards because we want to catch teachers before teachers leave for the summer; elementary age, middle, HS - four altogether; Leadership awards due end August; along with various scholarships;</p>
Gifted Education Coalition	NA
University Updates	<p>UCCS - Dr. Anderson not able to join this morning: Pause gifted education program after 2025 cohort; apply soon if you are interested; make revisions to curriculum and add faculty expertise. DU Rural Summit June 26-27 Pueblo Convention Center:  <a href="https://du.digication.com/giftededucationconference/du-rural-summit-2025">https://du.digication.com/giftededucationconference/du-rural-summit-2025</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Gifted Education Policy Symposium and Conference: Tension Points in Gifted Education #GEPSC2024 February 8, 2024 – Proposals due 12/1  <a href="https://du.digication.com/giftededucationconference/gepsc-2024">https://du.digication.com/giftededucationconference/gepsc-2024</a></li> <li>● Dabrowski Congress 2024: Living the Theory #DC2024 July 11-13, 2024 – Proposals due 12/31 <a href="https://dabrowskicenter.org/2024-dabrowski-congress/">https://dabrowskicenter.org/2024-dabrowski-congress/</a></li> <li>● Mensa Foundation Speaker Series 2024 #MFSS2024 Monthly, Saturdays at 1 MT – Early Bird Discount Code: <b>MFSSEarlyBird</b>  <a href="https://mensafoundation.ticketspice.com/mfss2024">https://mensafoundation.ticketspice.com/mfss2024</a></li> <li>● Save the Date! DU Rural Summit June with Teachers, Admin, Mental Health, Community Funding, June 18-20, 2025 (yes, 2025) – in-person - Pueblo Convention Center</li> </ul>
Gifted and Talented Leaders of Color and Allies	Black Family Night - April; Latina Night - Great success! Nothing else coming up
Links from Chat	None Shared
Open Comment	None Shared
Resource Sharing	None Shared
Upcoming Meetings	Retreat July 15-16 9:30-3:30; Lowry Conference Center, 1061 Akron Way, Denver, CO; Hotel accommodations; mileage reimbursement available and hotel reimbursement for overnight (outside 50 miles from the venue); reach out to Diane via email; Lunch provided both days;
Adjournment	<p>Motion to Adjourn: Becca  Second: Darcey  11:09am</p>