



KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
State Advisory Council for Gifted and Talented Education (SACGTE)
SUMMARY

NOV. 17, 2021

ATTENDANCE: Kathie Anderson, Katie Booth, Shaundeidra Bradford, Lindsay Burton, Kimberly Code, Brandy Corbin, Paulynn Covington, Byron Darnell, Mason Dyer, Kirk Haynes, Hannah England, Jessica Greene, Phillip Kash, Jeanne Lee, John Maxey, Tiffany Marshall, Brenda Martin, Julia Roberts, Timothy Travis,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Emily Lawson

SUMMARY:

Purpose: The State Advisory Council for Gifted and Talented Education is hereby created and attached to the Kentucky Department of Education. The council's purpose is to make recommendations regarding the provisions of services for gifted and talented students in Kentucky's education system.

Agenda Item: Welcome and Meeting Norms

Presenter: Veronica Sullivan, Division of Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Implementation and Preschool Director Office of Special Education and Early Learning, Kentucky Department of Education

Summary of Discussion:

Sullivan welcomed advisory council members and thanked them for their service. The council purpose was read to the council.

Joe McCowan introduced himself as the council liaison and reviewed meeting norms for in-person and virtual attendees and other meeting information.

- Cameras on when voting
- The meeting is being recorded and live streamed.
- Meeting document location and paperwork for travel vouchers.

Feedback: None

Agenda Item: Introduction of Members and Roll Call

Presenter: Kathie Anderson, Gifted Program Consultant, Division of IDEA Implementation and Preschool, Kentucky Department of Education

Summary of Discussion:

Anderson welcomed the council and facilitated roll call. Members stated their names, location and role including Office of Special Education and Early Learning (OSEEL) staff.

Feedback: None

Agenda Item: SACGTE Purpose, Roles and Responsibilities

Presenter: Kathie Anderson, Gifted Program Consultant, Division of IDEA Implementation and Preschool, Kentucky Department of Education

Summary of Discussion:

Purpose read according to KRS 158.648 and key items in council members' folders were pointed out for reference during the meeting.

Feedback: None

Agenda Item: Election of Officers

Presenter: Kathie Anderson, Gifted Program Consultant, Division of IDEA Implementation and Preschool, Kentucky Department of Education

Summary of Discussion:

Anderson reviewed the roles of chair, vice chair and secretary, and opened the floor for nominations.

Chair – Nomination made by Kirk Haynes for Julia Roberts

- Motion made by Haynes for Roberts, Western Kentucky University
 - Second by Brenda Martin
- No discussion on the motion
- Roll call vote
- Motion passed unanimously

Vice Chair – Brenda Martin nominated herself

- Motion made by Roberts
 - Second by Haynes
- No discussion on the motion
- Roll call vote
- Motion passed unanimously

Secretary –Timothy Travis nominated himself

- Motion made by Katie Booth
 - Second by Mason Dyer
- No discussion on the motion
- Roll call vote
- Motion passed unanimously

Feedback: None

Agenda Item: By-Laws

Presenter: Kathie Anderson, Gifted Program Consultant, Division of IDEA Implementation and Preschool, Kentucky Department of Education

Summary of Discussion:

Anderson presented information to the council on the current state of the by-laws (A marked up copy of the by-laws was presented on screen for the council to view during this portion of the meeting). The revisions of the by-laws started in November of 2017. The by-laws/operational procedures of the council must align with the statutes.

The by-laws were reviewed in their entirety, with explanation provided for the proposed edits and/or deletions of items that were not aligned to the statute.

Question from the floor from Brenda Martin - Is there anything in policy that speaks to the weight given to the advice of the council?

Anderson provided a response that there is nothing outlined in policy, however, input from the council is considered very seriously. She went on to provide an example of a previous recommendation given related to technology regarding the Gifted Student Services Plan.

Council membership language was discussed, and it was noted that the by-laws must return to what the Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS) states, not the previous executive order. Council members are appointed by the governor's office according to the statute.

Joe McCowan emphasized the term limit of two consecutive terms and members must be reappointed.

Question from the floor from Kirk Haynes regarding the numbering of the section items in the presented document.

McCowan provided a response that we will need to review the document numbering.

Feedback:

Phillip Kash asked if the edits were made available ahead of time. He went on to state it is irresponsible to not have time to think about the changes prior to voting.

McCowan responded that the edited by-laws would be sent to members for ample time to review and vote on them at the next meeting.

Brenda Martin asked what is the date of the previously approved by-laws?

Anderson responded November 2017.

Haynes asked if there is anything that requires a 1st and 2nd reading?

Anderson responded it is up to the operational procedures of the organization. There are no existing guidelines in this area.

Tiffany Marshall stated if the changes made were to align with the statute, she recommends the council move forward with the vote.

Kash stated that he can abstain his vote if the council moved forward.

- Motion made by Marshall for moving forward to vote with the updated by-laws
- Second by Martin
- Discussion on the motion
 - Martin stated a motion may be made later to review the newly appointed by-laws at another meeting.
- Roll call vote. Reminder was given to turn on cameras during voting.

| “Yes” | “No” |
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| Booth | Bradford |
| Burton | Covington |
| Code | England |
| Corbin | Greene |
| Dyer | Haynes |
| Marshall | Kash |
| Maxey | Martin |
| Lee | Roberts |
| Travis | |

- Motion did not have 3/4 of the voting membership, the motion did not pass

Follow-up Required:

The edited document will be sent out for review and will be voted on at the next meeting.

****10-minute Break****

At 10:06 a.m. the meeting restarted.

Agenda Item: Review of Recommendations and Priority Setting

Presenter: Kathie Anderson, Gifted Program Consultant, Division of IDEA Implementation and Preschool, Kentucky Department of Education

Summary of Discussion:

Anderson led the council in a review of previous priorities of the council:

- Gifted Regulation;
- Excellence Gap
- Differentiation Strategies for Classroom Teachers;
- Visual and Performing Arts Services during Covid-19; and
- Social Emotional Needs of Gifted Students.

Council members used an electronic brainstorming tool called Padlet to present ideas for the priorities of the council. Members were instructed on how to use Padlet for the purposes of the priority setting activity.

The council had discussion about the ideas presented.

Several points of discussion focused on:

- Equity in identification
- Exposure
- Assessment and an accountability model in gifted education
- Biased testing leading to inequity
- Establishing a rubric for an equitable process for accountability

Julia Roberts referenced a blog from the Prichard Committee regarding numbers in the Commonwealth.

Anderson referenced a tool in Infinite Campus (IC) that can provide demographic Gifted and Talented (GT) data. Julia Roberts suggested combining the equity items into one united area of concern.

The top three priorities include:

1. Equity practices
 2. Clarity on accommodations for GT identification and testing
 3. Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) for GT students
- Motion made by Kirk Haynes to accept the council priorities
 - Second by Katie Booth
 - Discussion on the motion by Jessica Greene on the item of equity and what that includes. She stated the danger of grouping everything under one umbrella of equity is that the specific items can get lost.
 - Roll call vote. Reminder to turn on cameras during voting

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- Motion carried with 3/4 of the membership vote

Feedback: Roberts suggested a sub-group of the council to wordsmith the language of the priorities

Agenda Item: Setting of 2022 Meeting Dates

Presenter: Kathie Anderson, Gifted Program Consultant, Division of IDEA Implementation and Preschool, Kentucky Department of Education

Summary of Discussion:

Proposed meeting dates were:

- Feb. 1, 2022 or Feb. 3, 2022 are the proposed dates for the next meeting.
- April 13, 2022

Joe McCowan said that special called virtual committee meetings may be necessary as deemed needed by the liaison and the council chair.

Vote held on the dates

- Motion made by Mason Dyer to accept the 2022 meeting dates
 - Second by Paulynn Covington
- No discussion on the motion
- Roll call vote
- Motion passed unanimously

Feedback:

Meeting times will be **9 a.m. – noon**

McCowan shared that the council will continue with the hybrid option with the intent to bring more people on site for council meetings. Three hours is a maximum for a virtual meeting to be considerate to virtual members

Follow-up Required:

Liaison will send meeting notifications to council members as well as the exit slip.

Anderson provided an explanation regarding completion of the travel voucher. Council members asked if the travel voucher will be sent electronically. Anderson responded that she will send it to council members electronically after the meeting.

Motion made by Timothy Davis to adjourn the meeting. Second by Brandy Corbin.

Meeting adjourned.