

TALENTED and GIFTED District Advisory Council TAG DAC

Tuesday, February 04, 2025
5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.



Kate Sullivan Elementary School
Multi-Purpose Room
927 Miccosukee Road

Minutes from TAG DAC

Attendees: Kera Rahming, Lauren Hayman, Dharmesh Patel, Christy Fulater, Michele Kiker, Kay Pelt-Walker

Discussion 1:

We are not a quorum and this has been the case since the first meeting in the fall. The suggestion was given to perhaps have a meeting every other month that is a virtual option (not hybrid) to encourage more attendees.

Starting with Sept (in person), Nov (online), Jan (in person) and April (online) to be in-person and maybe all others would be virtual. As for questions as to how to reach more parents Christy noted that everything coming from Focus may not be helpful and instead we need to use our email listserv for TAG DAC instead. A reminder that there is an online location to suggest topic ideas for our meetings.

Would like to have the March & April meeting as a virtual option though for this year. This might be a twice-exceptional focus and Christy will work on a flyer as well.

Discussion 2:

Should the symposium be at a different time of the year and maybe moving it to the October planning day. This might also be helpful in trying to get teachers (any teachers and not just gifted, for example to differentiate up) to attend to earn points as well and perhaps there is less training on the October date to contend with the symposium. There is a push to offer more professional development and gifted-endorsed opportunities for teachers.

Discussion 3:

Committees have been established via bylaws, but can we make a quick video to explain why TAG DAC exists and how to participate. Christy can give materials to Dharmesh to establish something in Canva. What can we do to obtain more interest from parents? Perhaps to also highlight resources for parents by providing in advance the presentation topics for each meeting and to note that we want parents to know that they can help to shape policy and procedures potentially for the district. This leads to a discussion about a symposium of a different sort, perhaps for gifted programs to set up a showcase of their programs along with a gifted teacher along with a student as well. This might be an option to focus on just a symposium for middle schools because it is so varied.

Might be an opportunity in the future as well to offer special events that are catered towards children. For example, maybe math day, engineering days, etc.

Should we move away from a newsletter to instead putting the information on the website? The benefit could be that more people could move back to this information.

Meeting is adjourned at 6:39 PM.