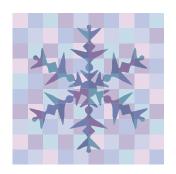
G.T. Minutes

Date: December 14, 2011 Time: 9:30am – noon

Place: Canyons School District



Agenda Items

1. UCA Application

Coordinators were asked to discuss the following questions:

- a. What insight did they gain from gathering the UCA data?
- b. How would this insight or data guide their practice in the future?

Coordinators discussed what they learned about students' participating in rigorous course work. The collecting of data required a significant amount of time. People shared ways they were going to track data in the future.

2. The State of Gifted Education in Utah

Moya Kessig, USOE G.T. Specialist, presented the current status of gifted programs in Utah. The key points of the presentation were:

- There is an increasing number of LEA's applying for G.T. funds.
- Most G.T. programs focus on general intellectual ability or specific academic content.
- The identification assessments LEA's use most often to identify students' are teacher rating scales, CRT's and student's GPA.
- Most teachers differentiate instruction to meet the needs of G.T. students in their classrooms.
- Enrichment activities are available in most programs across the state.
- Only 3% of active educators in Utah have a G.T. endorsement.

A review of NAGC Program Standards followed the presentation. Discussion in small groups yielded interesting comparisons regarding district G.T. programs.

3. SMARTER Balanced Assessment Consortium

Dr. Christelle Estrada, USOE language Arts Specialist, reviewed the background and development process for the major claims and assessment targets. There was a discussion of the Cognitive Rigor Matrix/Depth of Knowledge and how it could be used to evaluate student performance tasks.

4. UAGC Conference Information

Annual Conference will be held January 26 – 28, 2012 at the Provo Marriott. The theme of the conference is **The Common Core for Uncommon Minds**. Please visit the UAGC website: www.uagc.org for more information about the conference.

Thank you Canyons District for hosting our Dec .meeting.

Next Meeting: March 14, 2012

Sevier School District 180 East 600 North Richfield, Utah 9:30am – noon

Don't forget to register through OnTrack

Reading Assignment for March 14th meeting chapters 10-19

Book: Best Practices in Gifted Education