

**Fall 2019 WCCSE Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2019**

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NJAGC Annual Conference: *Equity and Excellence with G&T*, March 20, 2020

Connie is Conference Chair:

- Keynote speaker Dr Joy Lawson Davis – main work on equity and underserved populations.
- Discussion of NJAGC – membership.
- Call for proposals top present at conference.

Finances:

Treasurer Report

Christine: Balance \$4,684.66

All member schools in good standing as of close of 18-19 school year.

Two questions:

Re-wording of Scholarship to Professional Development Stipend

Keep application consistent with WCCSE mission

Kristin: Re-word scholarship to PD, Stipend

Kristen: Wording for scholarship. Change to ***Professional Development Grant*** rather than scholarship.

Re-phrase the wording of payment consideration of BOB question writers

A non-consortium member – a teacher that is at a school that is not part of the consortium. Can't pay ourselves. How to phrase. A certified teacher official representative member.

Kristen: For question writers: we can't pay ourselves.

Bill: Any non-committee or executive board member.

Loren: Rename the committee – Program Coordinators

Barbara: someone has someone in her building to take over BOB. She is not a member of the committee. LA teacher. Agreed to take this on. She is a volunteer.

Becky: We used to write the questions for Battle of the Minds. They now buy them. Should not be a problem with giving a stipend for writing the questions.

Looking for quality questions.

Barbara: Pay a non-group teacher.

Loren: Is this an ethical question. Is this because a past practice, or because if we do it – do we get in trouble.

Kim: NJSOL They have a statewide program online. Is there a reason why we can't use that?

Alyssa: Better to have a person not directly working with the students

RESOLUTION: Kristen: For this year, change of Wording. ... Pay for Question writing: ***"If needed by an individual who is not a direct representative to consortium."***

Meanwhile Kristin will seek guidance through school legal counsel or ethics council; to be discussed again at a later date once additional info is obtained.

Loren: Interested in legal ethics response. We take the opportunity for losing members who currently do this for us already.

Ongoing Concerns:

Kristen: Be mindful of human resources. Volunteerism. What about programs that do not have a good turn-out. Can we consolidate by combining events? Another option – open up to non-consortium attendees? Sussex, Hunterdon? How do we go about this? Charge per child. Flat rate with determined number of students.

Lianne: Bring together the teams from across the districts.

Kristen: Reach out to others. This has been done in the past.

Christine: What if we offer free to outside consortium.

Barbara: We should charge a fee because it is part of our registration.

Connie: Partial teams is not part of coordinator's work to be done. Protect our professional lives. We each need to be responsible for our professionalism. In event of combined-school teams: School names need to be addressed.

Allysa: Open up registration for BOB earlier.

Barbara: What about home school children.

Caralee: The school makes them fill out the forms and are still allowed to participate.

Barbara: What about liability.

Becky: Our Board policy did not allow. Belvidere allows. Make sure with BOE if home-school children involvement.

RESOLUTION:

Schools (particularly our smaller districts though not limited to them) may combine to form teams for events and register as a combined team.

- A school with enough kids for multiple teams could offer kids to round out a small-school team without this being “double dipping” as this allows the small school to participate.
- Such combined school teams are for the schools to organize, not the event coordinators.

Undersubscribed events can be made available to outside schools (Hunterdon, Sussex, Morris) with these constraints:

- This outside registration will be available AFTER an Early Bird registration for WCSE members.
- The registration fee will be set at \$35/school (modelled on the Sparta Chess Tourney for non-members).

Infrastructure Purchases

Kristen: Purchases for the consortium. Look for infrastructure items. Cube screen projection? Sound system? PD materials?

Kim: ISTE purchased a microphone speaker all in one. \$150. MicroPro Mini PA Sound System

Connie: Projector consideration. Invest into for presentations.

Becky: Would be good to have at events at the church and the firehouse. We could definitely use it. Most big events have to be outside of school.

Barbara: The cube also will work. Make sure can support resolution. Can cost up to \$800.

Kristen: Need to separate motions. Limits attached – up to a dollar amount.

Caralee: Where do we store it. How many times will it be used.

Connie: Maybe if we are getting items, we have a quartermaster that hosts the items. That person needs to get the equipment to where it needs to be.

Loren: We need to look at amount of time it will be used. Is this the best way to spend our money. Would rather invest in people. The use of our money is valuable to our professional growth and turned over the the kids.

Kristen: What is the cost of the projector? Connie: At least \$300.

Kristen: Topic is tabled to discuss later in the meeting if warranted.

NOTE WEBSITE EXPENDITURE BELOW (under Year Game)

Scholarship/PD

Kristen: Scholarship.

Maggie: Send one of our members or someone in our district to Confratute. It has to be related to something related to G&T education. Application. Made available by application on March 15. The PD needs to re work the wording to meet the needs and align with our mission. Just a bit of tweaking to the language and title.

Tracy: STEM Ed Camp. Contacted camp. Will set up a one-day training - \$3500. Typically last week of July. Embedding curriculum into training. 7 hour day. You have full say in what you are looking into. Up to 25 teachers.

Kristen: Open up to all members. If consortium paid half and schools paid half.

Loren: The PD is for a number of people. Could we do the one day and open up to all members.

Connie: If we pay for all to go at full price, 6k. For 3500, that is 9 people. Better deal with the one day. Tracey, do you feel that could fulfill what we could get at the weekend camp. We would have to all agree on what we wanted to learn and see. Look at this as an extension into the community.

Tracey: Let's table until February information comes out.

Maggie: Could we take grant money and apply it to the program?

Kristen: Looking at this in lieu of the grant.

Barbara: State passed the resolution, you must have a certified G&T teacher. Only passed the Senate. My understanding that we would all be grandfathered in. Any new teacher must be certified. PD part of the grant?

A large number of WCCSE members indicated interest in attending the February STEM camp. The general idea is to use this year's PD funds to underwrite the costs, divided evenly among the number who actually commit; with those individuals responsible for funding the remainder of

their expense. Connie pointed out districts should be asked first prior to using WCCSE/personal funds. Districts cannot be approached until full info is available.

Kristen: Maggie will clarify the wording in the grant to make sure if we open it up, it stays aligned to mission. Christine, can you look at overall budget after programming and over the next month come up with what we might have available for the February Stem Ed Camp. Tracy, can you keep us informed on the February dates.

Young Writers

Maggie: Tri-county literacy council. Genre based. Grades 1-2. Poetry, short story narrative 3-12 short story personal narrative essay. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, honorable mention for each grade. Most improved writer – teacher nominated. Possible due date is March 1st. Will not be theme based. Need a coordinator for your school. Submit five pieces in general. How to select do in-house. If you have more than 5 per age division. Up to 5 pieces per age division.

Host a night event awards ceremony. First place winners read a slice of their piece. All were brought up on stage for recognition. Possibly have something on Family Day to build this up. Make a Wonder Wall. With all the activities and winners. Last year's. Show films in one of the rooms for family. Open to all students. High School option? Put off until next year. Caralee interested in high school. Will play it by ear.

Barbara: Take Young Writer's out of Family Day.

Maggie, Connie, Lianne, - pieces come in – meet to go over essays.

Consortium PD Proposals – Anyone from the school can attend.

Kristen: Tuesday PM PD's. Successful. Last year: Identification. Push-in programming. Google Classroom discussion group. Equity and Diversity.

Topics for this year:

- Robotic training. - December after school @ Hackettstown MS
- Art and social/emotional learning. Fulbright Scholar. Lisa Hirkaler
- Video production for students including green-screen strategies. Maureen Danovsky
- Progress Reports
- Screening – as time allows today and schedule for the year

Maggie: Suggested we do the video production for Family Day workshop.

Kelly: Offered her building for programming. December works. Tuesday work? After school. Anyone can attend. December 11. 3:15 p.m. Robot party. Bring your Own Bot. Need old remotes from anything but cable remotes.

Kristen: What other topics should we work on to develop. Progress Reports. Way over-thinking it. Send out every marking period. Is this a topic we could have a meeting about. Agreed to have this as a workshop.

Loreen: Got SAGES 3. Not a fan. Piloted the reasoning. Not thrilled with it.

Events

Convocation

During Day

Barbara: What will we do? Possibly repeat last year's program with a twist. Stage our own Goldberg competition. In terms of time constraints, we could tell the schools what the theme is and that day to build their contraption and present.

Kristen: Likes mixing the teams. Also concerned when everyone can be there and when everyone can leave. Also, think of clean-up time. Need to allow for clean-up.

Barbara: Still bringing their ideas. Not actually building until that day. Can still mix groups. Come prepared knowing the object. Automatic toothbrush. How to brush your teeth in the morning. Build a contraption. Complicated way to do something simple.

Becky: What if they were told the materials but not what they are supposed to build. Loved that they had the whole day.

Loren: To prepare These are the types of challenges and understand the process. Will require preparation.

Kim: Concerned with the prep. Video, BOB, Too much. Nice to not have to prep the kids. Is this a convo event?

Kristen: Barb, can we make this a different event?

Barb: Yes.

Kristen: Phab Physics 5/6 event? Since we had some groups who got to make presentation and some not, we should have external designated station built in. 1 p.m. we are watching the videos.

Loren: Odyssey of the Mind? for Convo?

Barbara: Time is a huge issue.

Connie: Is this literary based? Do not do the same event because it wouldn't be diverse.

Barbara: Is it possible to commit to an extended school day?

Kristin: Would people be interested in extended day event between April 1 – 7? Kim can check availability of site.

Video Expo

After School

Open up to other counties. Pre-registration January. February begin to advertise outside consortium. \$35 fee.

Tracy: What about feedback for the students. Her students wanted to know what the judges thought. A positive and something to work on. Judges discuss at length. Kristen: good suggestion.

Year Game

Flexible

Kristin is looking to get tech partner to facilitate FlipGrid - Kim Reber volunteered.

Barbara: Looking to get more recognition to the students from the committee rather than from just the school. Maybe a section on the website with winners.

Kristen: Can also have the kids who can't be on internet use an avatar.

Caralee: Password protection for website.

Connie: We purchase a business site on Weebly for the amount of \$25 a month billed annually at \$300. 2019-2020 school year. Domain name, Paypal and Password Protection.

Barbara: Pro is for groups and organizations. Business you get things not necessary for us. The Pro is half the price.

Kristen: Amend. Purchase Weebly site for up to \$300 a year for 19-20 school year to include domain name, Paypal, Password Protection and all existing services. Vote? All yes.

Legos on the Loose/Invention

After School

Loren: Host in Hackettstown. Legos on the Loose/BRICK LIT for grades 2/3. Thursday, January 30. 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Storm date is Feb. 6. Basis: open-ended activity. Any book they want. Design and create something from the book – but not the character. Book must be brought with them. Will be at Willow Grove School. No limit. Can be groups or individuals.

Barbara: Do you need a school representative to come with the parents? My district will not pay for evening events.

Loren: Who will recognize the students?

Inventions

After School

Grades 3 and 4. Expos. No competition. Showcase. People walk around and look. April 30 date. Willow Grove.

Family Day

Kristen: March 29, 2020. "Emotional intensity and cognitive rigidity collide," with subtopic on anxiety. Presenter Dr. Matt Zakreski. at Mansfield School

Committee: Loren, Barb, Christine, Connie, Jennifer Mazz, Kristin; Maggie as liaison to WHHS

State Advocacy/ NJAGC Planning

Connie: What's happening in the senate and start advocacy and discussions. Should we begin sending the information. Can post to the website.

Loren: Absolutely. Send it out. Anything you think is relative should be sent out to the consortium. Keep us updated.

Loren: If somebody wants their certification. The administration may be more willing to put it into your schools so that they are prepared to get certification in G&T.

Kelly: GT as "IE" period with band/chorus, 20 min within the school day and 20 min after-school. Kristin and Connie provided references to NJDOE codes stating that Gifted Ed must occur during the day, though length of services is not stipulated.

Events

Debate Grades 5-8

After School Dec 5 (storm date Dec 12) at North Warren

All people in the United States should be required to join the organ donor registry. Caralee will assist with transferring scoring system to google forms.

Battle of the Minds 5/6

After School

November 13, Storm date November 14

Do not arrive before 3:30. Will start at 4 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Will sell pizza.

Bill will read questions.

Require certificate of insurance.

Battle of the Minds 7/8

After School

Nov. 18 Storm date Nov. 19

Warren Hills

BOB Grade 3 and 4

After School

May 19

Oxford Street School

List on website

BOB Grade 5 and 6**After School**

April 23

Great Meadows Middle School

List on website

BOB Grade 7 and 8**After School**

Second week of March

North Warren

List to come out shortly

Chess K-6**During School**

First Tuesday - March 3 (storm date 10)

Allamuchy

One team per school. 6 players. 4 ranked, 2 alternates

Coach (AND teacher if coach is not a teacher) has to accompany the team.

Chess 7/8**During School**

Belvidere

Wednesday, Feb. 5

Robotics**After School**

Grades K to 8

March 24

Certificate of insurance required

MindStorms, Edisons

Spelling Bee**During School**

Grades 5 and 6

Feb. 12. Storm date Feb. 19

Phillipsburg Middle School Library/Stephanie Condon

Pringles**Flexible**

Flexible

Flipgrid – Lianne will set up Grid

NOTE: **Marvelous Math**
Grade 2
Jan 10 Storm date Jan 16
Need insurance certificate
Limit the number of chaperones
During School

Math-a-Magicians - Grade 3
We are working to combine MathaMagicians & Marvelous Math - Details TBD

Dec 10 Storm Dec. 13
During School Day
Program is up for next year advisorships

Kristen: Combine the two this year:

Marvelous Math-a-Magicians
During School.....Details NOT YET CONFIRMED
Grade 2/3
Jan. 10. Storm Date Jan 16

Mind-Nastics
During School
Grade 4
Oct. 30
Blairstown E Free Church
Need Certificate of Insurance

Phab Physics
During School
Rollercoaster Derby grade 4, Up to 5 kids
Crash – grade 3, Up to 3 kids
March 6 Storm Date April 9
January registration (date TBD) opens at midnight
Mansfield

Strategic Thinking Day
During School
Grade 5
March 25

Spring Meeting: Thursday, June 4, 2020, 9:15am-2:30pm

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