

**June 5 - WCCSE
Knowlton Elementary**

Attendance

Book/Product Recommendations

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind - Fifth Grade

Scientist, Scientist - Who Do You See?

Code and Go Robots - Kindergarten - Problem Solving - Intro to Coding - 2/3 Child Activity

Smart from Scattered

Embarrassment: And the Emotional Underlife of Learning

The Reason I Jump (Autism and Twice Gifted)

Discussion

What percent of your time is G&T time?

80/10/10/1/60/50/5/15/60/5/5/90/30/65 (percentages)

Executive Board

Connie offered her position if someone would like to be a part of the board.

Mission Statement

Loren: Important that it is brought up at each meeting.

General Business - Kristen Baker

Wikki Primary means of communication. Caralee and Kim can post to the site.
Registration form is difficult to use. Kim to present Google Forms at the Fall meeting.

Treasury Report - Christine

Christine. \$7458

About \$2000 more than last year. Convocation was less expensive this year.
Blairstown Church, Speaker, Scholarship to be paid.

Discussion on donation to Evangelical Church - Blairstown

Connie "Make a motion \$500 to Blairstown Evangelical Church for use of two years - in appreciation". All in favor.

Kristen and Christine to meet late summer - finance meeting.

Scholarship Report - Maggie Devine

Promoting from within. \$800 scholarship this year given to Connie. Attendee will then come back and will turn-key at both Fall and Spring meetings. Outreach as well.

Connie gave a personal thank you. Maggie encouraged all to push yourself to be a teacher leader.

NJAGC

Kristen Baker NJAGC summer camp for girls - open to the state. For girls entering 8 - 12th grade. Act fast. Day camp. Rutgers Prep.

Registration/Fees/Representation

One fee per district. Barbara - Event Coordinators question on Pburg district. Would like to reach out to them to see how we can help them. Christine introduced herself to Warren Hills new principal.

Nurse coverage if a district. Make it clear to parents that any student who needs a nurse should not be dropped off to events. Need to make sure epi-pen delegate.

No Video-taping Policy

A review of policy which says no video. Established years ago. Photos and video taping of your own students up for discussion. Maggie suggests a written disclaimer and stating it at each event.

Barbara suggests that each event we point out the exits.

Kristen: Break-out group to write the event intro and disclaimer.

Eligibility

Sages III will not be out until October 2018.

Equity and Representation

Kristen presents Equity in G&T Opportunities at Mansfield.

Referrals need to be reflective of demographics.

ESL and ELL in elementary schools now noted as EL.

Parent/Teacher Seminar

When everyone drops the ball: Pick it up! Resources.

Make it a family night.

Connie: How many people attend this at night. Concern for making it bigger because it would involve more people and commitment.

Barbara: Parents enjoyed the evening. Promote and publicize the event as a night to meet and talk with other parents.

Kristen: Offer babysitting/child-care. Maggie: Promote with an existing event.

Maggie to look into coordinating.

Kristen: To add to outreach - Bright & Quirky - positiveimpactfamily.com/login

Username: bakerk@mansfieldelementary.org Password: WCCSE2018 - Kristin: We could create an event out of this, possibly a Saturday? Or add this as a feature to an existing event. Loren suggested that we run the series for parents that are attending debate, Battle of the Books, Mindnastics. Connie will be the Bright & Quirky coordinator for events.

Connie: Needs someone to take on the site work findings for this event as well as babysitting. Loren asked for a date to determine if she can do it.

Centenary University

Change of staff has put our events on back burner.

Loren: Works with Lisa Baldwin, wife of Centenary president. Let's meet with them - how we can work together to get the students exposed to working with gifted and talented students. Start up a dialogue with the college students studying education. Have students come to event.

Barbara: Worked with her on an art project.

Vickie: Suggested that students come to meetings and/or events.

Convocation

Barbara: Would like to continue with the event. Good for cluster districts to get together. A lot of work for one person. Need help. Make it a bit earlier in the year.

Christine: Bring activities from MindNastics and Strategic Thinking. Barbara: Use the theme every other year. Repeat. Still need people. Next year go back to the arts.

What is the budget? Loren: You need a committee of people to run it. Christine: Kim could maybe get the church. Maggie offered to take over Convocation. Barbara has offered to help out. Connie: Knows an author for Convocation. Make it earlier, possibly March.

Open Doors?

Open to other counties discussion - some events - not all. If moved forward, would have to pay a fee to attend the events. Contacts in Sussex County trying to set up a Consortium. Include them in parts of what we do. Also, after early-bird deadline, open up the slots to the Sussex schools. Connie: Fill spots that are empty. Pay for the event.

Kim: good idea for other schools/areas to participate when available so they can see how we do it if they want to start their own, it may help the Sussex Cty people get it off the ground.

Connie: It may help get more volunteers to run things in the future.

Christine: it may help our students to have exposure to students from other schools. Then it would help our events run better if we can get more schools to come (esp for events that have light turn outs).

Loren: Maybe we should try it for a few events? Should we vote?

Vicki: Usually have difficulty getting volunteers to help at events. If they are coming but not part of the planning stages, it wouldn't help with getting volunteers to help.

Loren: We don't want this to give more work to our event planners so if they think it will, they can choose not to open the event. Everyone is stretched thin in their jobs (no prep times, bus costs, can't leave building)

Kelly: Let's try it for a year, then next spring, re-evaluate it and see if it is worth it.

Kristin: Let's go through the list quickly and see where there would be room to add additional schools outside of Warren County.

Programs:

- Battle of Books gr $\frac{3}{4}$ - **Tuesday, May 21, 2018** Belvidere, could show a G&T video
- BoB gr $\frac{5}{6}$ - change of book- take out Al Capone does my shirts and add Class Action by Steven B. Frank- date TBD, could show a G&T video
- BoB gr $\frac{7}{8}$ - Alyssa at North Warren will host and has a preliminary list that she will type up and send out, could show a G&T video
- Spelling Bee- Pburg? Caralee emailed Darlene Noel
- Battle of Minds- gr $\frac{5}{6}$ - at Harmony, **Wednesday, Nov 14 but storm date is Nov 15**, could show a G&T video
- Battle of Minds gr $\frac{7}{8}$ - at WH Middle School, Maggie Divine date TBA
- Debate- Clora, will be at Blairstown Elementary- **tentative date March 21, snowdate March 22**. Would like to reevaluate point system, cannot open to other schools because it would be too much, could show a G&T video

- Pringles- ran smoothly, some miscommunication because Barbara had 2 students but ended up with 9 packages. Can have other schools participate, sometimes issue is cost to mail but most schools can get past that.
- Marvelous Math- grade 2. Ran smoothly but this was Vicki's last year. Need someone to run this. Revisit it in Fall to see if someone will run it.
- Math-a Magicians- grade 3 **Wednesday, November 29, storm date- Nov 30-** will need volunteers to run a station, can get them in Fall
- Legos on the Loose- **Thursday, Jan 31, 2018 Snowdate Feb 7** will think about adding extra schools, not sure- Theme will follow Brick Lit, same format as in the past
- Mindnastics- **Thursday, October 25** at Blairstown Church- Kim & Caralee- will think about if open to other schools after deadline.
- Year Game- it goes, is hard but schools are still playing. Some schools do it in house, odd numbers easier than even numbers. Can be open to other schools.
- Chess Tournament- Mike will do it, will get date for fall meeting. Host in Allamuchy again, usually first week in March. Mike will contact Allamuchy for Rutherford Hall. Kristin did an activity with her kids- come up with a new chess piece, powers were and how they moved. Chesskid.com great website/resource to use. Belvidere recommends the Northwest NJ chess championship at Sussex Cty Community College in May. \$35/team- get pizza, drinks & candy, trophies, etc.
- Video Expo- not as big of a turnout but many schools dropped out prior to event due to students not following through. Students are excited to do it next year, a good experience. Friday night in April if possible.
- Phab Physics- gr $\frac{3}{4}$ - date TBD hopefully not postponed again due to weather will be held at Mansfield again
- Invention Expo- April 25 at Hatchery Hill, Loren will run again. Thought about cancelling it, but will run it again. May be able to invite other schools, if so, just 1 other one (probably Sussex).
- Discussion- we have a policy that says a teacher needs to be at night events. Some schools, Barbara and Connie both have this issue, cannot send students because there are no teachers that can bring students in evenings. Policy is a good one but limits participation for some schools. We see both sides of this issue but feel it is important for teacher to be there for each school.
- Strategic Thinking day- at Washington Boro- workshops were good. Keva station needed to be more strategy based and challenging (that was run by DaVinci).
- Convocation- we talked about previously today
- Robotics- talked about a Jan date, try to make 2 levels (advanced and beginner). Adam Tucker said he would help Christine set up the challenge for the advanced

students. Some types of robots were difficult to use for the challenges so we were learning what works and what doesn't. Setting up more practice tracks helped. Perhaps high school kids would come help too which would help with competition.

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Breakout Groups:

- Convo- Maggie & Barb- lead coordinators. Need to set up a model that is sustaining so it isn't reinventing the wheel continually.
- Parent/Family Events:
 - There will be 5 evening events that we could show videos, it would cover grades 3-8 so would hit all grade levels. This is a good start.
 - Kristin will connect with speaker (Tell) so more info given in Fall.
- Equity and Representation- we can talk more in Fall on this and people can have time to ask for info from schools

Other business:

- Kelly suggested: Should we send personal invitation email to schools that don't participate each year but are members to see if they can send a contact rep to the fall meeting?
- We can say in email: "One of the questions that came up is lack of participation, looking for ways to increase participating, looking for updated contact information so we know who to contact for events, etc." Kelly will write this email.
- Event script: we want to develop the script of what should be written, can someone draft something? Discussion of videotaping and policy.
 - Suggestion of wording- we can word it to cover ourselves and put responsibility
 - to be discussed in the fall. Discussion is tabled

FALL MEETING: Franklin Elementary School, Third week of September.

Intros in Fall- no bio, only name, school and favorite thing!

Will not go through each and every event unless dates or details need to be addressed.