

Warren County Consortium for Student Enrichment: Curriculum Articulation
Monday September 18th, 2017
Franklin Twp Elementary School

9:00 – 9:30 Introduction of officers; structure of organization

Kelly – update email list.

Kristen - Thanks to Barbara for hosting

Officers:

Laura Ackerman Chair - Hackettstown

Treasurer: Kristen – Washington

Secretary: Kelly Reed – Hackettstown; Stepping Down.

Tech Coordinator : Carolee

- Purpose and structure of Executive Board
Structure of Board – Executive Board handles planning and organization and makes minor decisions. Fall and Spring Meeting. Consists of 4-5 people who are available during the year as matters arise. Vickie, Maggie, Barbara, Connie.
- Officers – Secretary needed
Lianne Markus offered
- Communications: **WCCSE.weebly.com** as primary means of information
Carolee gave a brief tour of the website. Registration links, calendar of events. To make changes to Weebly, get in touch with Carolee. Vickie does a Twitter account – looking to switch to Facebook.
Lauren – whole group is friendly, user-friendly. We all like to share. We are each other's resources. Kristen – what we have is unique and valuable. So much we can share and gain from one another.
- Volunteerism
Kristin: Everyone here is a volunteer. All the events that are happening are through volunteerism. Everyone can help in some way. At least one thing throughout the year.. Registration, help the day of event, setting up the site, putting together supplies. Always something you can contribute.
- Mission Statement – revisions and final vote – see separate page
Kristin: Quite a bit of discussion in June. Few more changes suggested. All approved as changes. Increase awareness and communicate through website. Discussion brought up regarding wording of gifted children.
Decision: Gifted learners and individuals with high potential.
Wording of grades 2-8; for students at member schools. Our programming starts 2-8 events. Member schools. How do we reach homeschool children?
Barbara Weinstein: There is a Warren County Home School consortium. They provide their own enrichment activities. It is a parallel organization.

Insurance becomes an issue. This is an issue that must go through individual schools. Kristen will look into this issue.

9:30 – 11:30 WCCSE general business

Treasurer's Report

*Have outstanding registration fees for 16-17 been resolved?

Kristine: Account is at \$4600 – closing out for last year. Most of us need to put in for our consortium registration. Kristine has a hard copy of the registration if needed. Report of costs per event. Issue with school with outstanding bill – Frelinghuysen. Still not paid for last year. (Kim has a contact at Frelinghuysen and will share.)

WCCSE Policies

- Registration & Representation – review of policy as set June 2017
 - One fee per district; one team per event per district
Kristin: \$300 for entire year.
 - Registration deadline/ wait list managed at event coordinator's discretion
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- Nurse coverage at events is NOT provided by WCCSE
 - Epi-pens must be accompanied by trained delegates or nurse.
 - All school groups must follow state medication guidelines.
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- Equity – link to survey will be posted on Weebly – watch for email with info
 - Are our gifted-identified groups representative of our school demographics?
Christine: Kids who are identified as gifted – consider background. A survey will be put on Website to consider the diversity of Warren County group. How do those demographics match up with the school. Give roster of students to BA/Administration – they can give you the information – you will only need the numbers, not the name. Mike is questioning equity in relationship to the overall school. If it is not matching up, need to address the criteria for consideration. Connie – EL Not ELL or ESL. Simply English learners – ESSA. Make sure you look into this. NJ G&T website. On the site it will tell you with who in your school should be in your program. www.NJAGC.
Christine: Presenting NJ DOE advocacy page. Programming must include programming.
Vickie: is there a certain percentage. Should I make sure that there is a specific amount. No recommendation from state of NJ. Individual

administrators need to make sure that those identified – their needs are being met. <http://www.state.nj.us/education/aps/cccs/gandt/regs.htm>

- Please make arrangements to collect Ethnic/race and Socioeconomic data
 - This may mean providing lists to BA to get counts per category

WCCSE Outreach and Professional Development

- Parent/Teacher seminar: Social-emotional needs
 - Kristin: Winter presentation. Parent informational session. Offering to have it as Mansfield.*
 - Connie: suggested a psychologist to come in and talk to parents.*
 - SENGgifted.org – great professional development opportunities*
 - Kelly: someone from Rutgers to come and speak – Gifted and Talented.*
 - Lianne will reach out to a contact.*
 - Parent workshop. Involve STEM and Literacy as a break-out session.*
 - Lauren: Let's put this off for next year. Move forward.*
 - February: Speaker?
- Family Weeknight or Saturday event?
 - Family game night?
 - Invitational to North Jersey Consortium (Sussex+)
- Professional Development Partnership with Centenary University
 - October 20: *Building the Continuum of Challenge*
 - Curriculum for gifted students, program structure, eligibility determinations
- Confratute Scholarship – \$500 proposed in June 2017 (total cost ~\$1600)
- Application process – who would develop this?
 - Kristin: many factors involved in the application. Need a rubric. Maggie said she would work on an application. Should we say \$800 to cover half the cost?*
 - Lauren: If we can get the money down to less than \$1000, schools may be more likely to work with it.*
 - Kristin: We can make this a breakout session to discuss. At this point, let's determine a monetary amount and a committee to put this together.*
 - Connie: made a motion to make \$800 available by Summer 2018. All in favor.*
 - Kristin: Kristine, Vickie, Kelly, Barbara will work with Maggie on the application.*
 - Are funds available?
- Twice Exceptional
 - Susan Baum video
- Strategies for collaboration with resource teacher/behavior management
 - Lauren: Enrichment Understanding. Twice exceptional children.*
 - Discussion on how to work with these children.*

Connie: Do a pre-assessment to have the students work on their level. Telescoping or curriculum compacting. Behavior issues decreased when level of learning was increased.

Connie: Susan Baum expert in Twice Exceptional children. Failing in regular classroom. Suggestion to watch the movie: "Two E"

ANNOUNCEMENT: NJAGC Conference, March 23 2018 JOE RENZULLI

Kristin: Same location as last year, Mercer County Community College.

Postcard will be coming out. Urge us to register now. It will fill up quickly.

Registration form is up.

11:30 – 1:00 Plans for 2017-2018 Programs – see list

Carolee: Battle of the Books grades 3/4

Wed. May 16 at Oxford School.

Copy of Book List avail.

Please make sure your school registers ahead of time.

Will take combined times. Must be in with fourth grade competition.

Standard Registration Form for all events. Approved. On website.

Bill: Battle of Books grades 5/6

Thurs. April 12 at Great Meadows Middle School

Questions are fact questions related to content of the book.

All one level. Third and fourth graders are separate levels of competition.

Can have a team of both fifth and sixth graders.

Maggie: Battle of books grades 7/8

April 11.

7/8 grades team combined. Not separated out by grade levels.

Debbie: Grades 5/6 Spelling Bee. Has to arrange a date. Whoever wins in-house competition goes on to P'Burg event. School can send up to three students.

Kelly: Battle of the Minds. Needs someone to write questions. Would like to chair the event. Needs support. Doesn't have a date yet. Trivia questions. Kids have great time. Everything is set up and in place. If you would like to help out and learn something new? Take two teams of 6 from a school, fifth or sixth grade or mixed, it is like a Jeopardy board. First and second round in one room. Dinner break. Calculate scores, Final round in auditorium in front of parents. Fifth grade competition and a fifth/sixth teams. Harmony has offered to host and help.

Maggie: Battle of Minds grades 7/8. November 2. Same set up as 5/6 competition.

Trophies/medals are given out. Talk to Kristen about how to be reimbursed.

Clara: Hosting Debate. 5-8 grade. There is a script. Compete against all age groups. March 22 date (snow date March 23) Teams/Timer/Judge (teacher) in the competition. Reach out if you have questions. Topic will be up on website end of September.

Pringle Project

Barbara: More participation, the more adjustments can be made. Work with a sister-school regarding mailing and receiving back. You report back to the school on the results. We make a big deal of it. Get points for creativity, use of materials. Kids love it. Registration will be open in January, then you work with sister school on time-line etc. School determines how to pay for postage.

Vickie: Marvelous Math/ Magicians. Marvelous Math grade 2 – Thursday, December 7. Snow date Friday, December 8. Insurance certificates are required. Suggest that you reach out to BA for certificates early in the year. Four station rotations. Like to mix up students from different schools. During the day. Stephanie, Carolee, Ian, Holly. Holly – STEM activity Carolee – Fractions. Ian and Stephanie will get back to Vickie. All parents are asked for ID. This is held in the Harmony Firehouse. Up to six students per school.

Vickie: Mathemagicians. Feb 26, snow date Feb 27. Harmony Township Firehouse. FIG. It is a game with dice. Practicing vertical addition. Fraction games. Math and literacy connection. Need volunteers. Four: Kim, Kelly, Franklin representative will run a station, Stephanie.

Lauren: Legos on the Loose Expo. Jan 25. Hatchery Hill School, Hackettstown. 6:30 – 7:30 Grade 3 students. Non-competitive. Theme is Legos in literature. Choose any book – chapter book or otherwise. Must use legos to recreate a scene from the book. Open-ended. Cannot use a lego kit. Format of evening, school name on table. Book with creation. Parents walk around to look at. Every child gets a medal and their name is recognized. This can be done at home or done in school. All students are invited. They have to register to sign up. Two weeks before it's due, must take a photo of it. Lauren will send out a copy of the letter she gives to her students. Can be done as a team or individual.

Carolee/Kim: Mindnastics. October 26. Need a certificate of insurance. At the Free Church near North Warren Regional HS. Need certificate by Sept. 30. Fourth Grade – open number for invite. Mind-bending games. Go from table to table solving problems. Can bring a parent to help run a table. Can bring a game. Volunteers for games: Ian, Kristine, Holly.

Bill: Year Game 2018. For any grade. Imagine a grade numbers 1 – 100. You need to come up with mathematical expressions. You can only use the digits 2, 0, 1, 8. You can use any operation, parenthesis are invaluable, order of operations, no rounding, You have to use 2, 0, 1, 8 in each equation. You can have multi-digit numbers. You

can use exponents, factorials. Drexel University. Videos are available for students to view and use as reference and as learning tools.

Brian: Chess Tournament. Rutherford Hall. Tuesday March 6, snow date is March 13. Check in is at 9:30 a.m. Barbara noted that there will be a time limit on the games. One team of four players and two alternates. Players must be ranked 1, 2, 3, 4. They play a math. Alternates can go in on any seat. Ten minutes per player.

Carolee: Chess Tournament for grades 7/8. Feb 6 – during the school. Day. Belvidere will host at Oxford Street meeting center. (Side note: Northwest Jersey Chess Tournament – K-8 – during school day. Not a consortium event.)

Lauren: All events should have a check-in time.

Vickie: You can not video tape, no live streaming in competitions. Please let parents and students know that ahead of time.

Kristin: Video Expo. Possibly second week of May. Evening event. 6 – 8:30 p.m. at Mansfield. Meet and Mingle, Red Carpet Walk. Up to three minutes in length. Competition or exhibition.

Kristin: Fabulous Physics: March 2. Snow date March 29.. Grade 4. Up to five children. Rollercoaster Derby. Teams can be up to 5 students. Grade 3 is Crash. Do not prepare in advance. A surprise challenge. Involves teamwork, problem solving, creativity. Can have team of 2-3.

Kristin: DO NOT share the Website with parents. It is only for our group.

Connie: Legal issues involved when posting student events with details on what time and where.

Lauren: Invention Expo. Grade 4 only. April 26 at 6:30. A display of their work. Must have a tri fold to explain the steps in their project – invention. Get a medal. Independent project. At night. Invite all fourth graders. No limit on number of participants.

Kelly: Strategic Thinking Day. Washington Boro hosting. Either May 21 or May 23. During the day. For fifth grade. Strategies day. Ends with a Rubik's cube tournament. No speed cubes. Must be Rubik brand. Suggested that possibly older students could come and help out. Exploring options of bringing in someone to speak about gaming. Bloomfield College.. can bring up to eight students. Check in 9:30 a.m. Break the Code game.

Kim: Creating Rubiks out of mosaics. youcandothecube.com Mosaic competition.

Kristen: Convocation. Sometime in May – after PARCC.

Lauren: Camp Invention is not a one day event.

Connie: colleague is interested in putting together a project. Hands-on activities. Building mysteries and solving mysteries. Donna Bauer. Exploring unsolved mysteries.

Escape room consideration. Breakout EDU.

Kristen: Convo committee. Barbara, Carolee, Connie

Barbara emailed Breakout EDU regarding convocation.

Robotics: Kristine. December 14. Snow date December 18. Grades 4-8. 3:45 p.m. to 6 p.m. No limit. Goal is to program so that the robot senses by touch or light. Should we use Dash?

Kim: Dash is easier, but not as fast. The students come with them programmed. Spheros. Make this more of a completion rather than competition. Beat their own time.

Kristine: I don't want just a remote control. Trial and Error. That's the good part. Middle Schoolers brought EV3's. Goal of more than just a remote control.

Kristin: Centenary Day – Oct. 20. Being suggested that we put this off until the Spring. Carolee, Kim, Vickie, Lauren, Connie, Barbara, Kristin.

Family Event and SGO's.

Barbara: Do SGO as a workshop.

Kristen: After school meeting to work on SGO as a class pertinent to G&T. Should meet soon. Mike, Connie, Kim

Sharing ideas of SGO's.

Kim: Spring Meeting at Knowlton.

Tuesday, June 5

*Kristin: Reminder – **ALL WCCSE events are peanut/tree nut free.***

1:00 – 2:00 Breakout Groups

- Convo
- Parent/Family Event(s)
- Centenary PD Partnership
- SGO Guidance
- Other _____

2:00 – 2:30 Share back with whole group, set priorities for 2017-2018