

Minutes WCCSE Spring Articulation 2023-24

September 18, 2023

9:00 - 2:30/3:00, at Harmony School

1. Welcome, Introductions

WCCSE Structure

Offices and Executive Board

Current Officers: Chair Kristin Baker, Treas Christine Drevitch & Jamie Leiser; Webmaster Kim Reber; Secretaries: Heather Weidlick (recording), Becky Snyder (corresponding) Membership Chair Jenn Mazziotta-Walter

Elections - or “evergreen”? - Heather motion Second by Jenn - executive board nominations accepted every fall meeting, officers are Evergreen - discussion as to what happens if leadership needs to be replaced, alternatives will be considered every spring to nominations and then voted on in the fall - offices will be Evergreen, unless nominations are made in the spring with elections in the fall - motion passes

Exec Bd: Bill Nutt, Alyssa Eisner, Maggie Devine, Deirdre Mulligan - nominations asked for - Bill Nutt withdraws his name - Kristin gave history of numbers of executive board members - Jackie Smith (Franklin) Motion passes

Communications

Website - Webmaster Kim Reber - <http://wccse.weebly.com/>

Mission statement

All Events Listed - all information needs to be sent to Kim,

She will post what you send her

Email - Corresponding Secretary Becky Snyder

All information that needs to be sent out has to be sent to Becky and she will get emails out

Events/Event Coordinators - See checklist on weebly - near the bottom of the home page for event coordinators

Registration forms for schools should include WCCSE policy on nurse coverage, social media, and nut-free.

WCCSE Policy - on the website - nurse coverage at events is NOT provided - you must bring your own nurse if you bring a student who may need medical services - ALL events are NUT free - students must always be supervised while at events - Parent involvement needs to be indicated on registration form - No video / photos at events can be posted unless they are your own district students, No Live Streaming (registration forms will be changed to reflect these video/photo/live streaming changes) - motion passes

2. Finances

Treasurers' Report - ending balance for last year \$7,618 - report given by Christine Drevitch

Registration form REVISED - See revised form

Administrator contact info and signature added to show acceptance of WCCSE Policies - this is new

Fee remains the same - 4 schools paid so far for the 23/24 school year

Policies re: unpaid fees

Discussion re: non-Warren County members - had an inquiry from outside Warren County school district - Tewksbury - letter written by executive board to Tewksbury discussing them trying to join us to learn this year or just participating in events non-member schools are allowed to join

Message sent to recent prospective-member district

Events

No WCCSE costs to be passed to student participants - bus fees for individual events in up to each school district

Most events run \$150 - \$500 for all supplies/presenters

Awards capped at \$150 total/event - not a hard cap, target to shoot for

WCCSE does not purchase refreshments

WCCSE does not pay members to coordinate events

Grants - form to fill out to request funds - must support G&T students - only available to members in good standing on registration fees - also professional development grants available

Reports from grant recipients

Student programs/materials - giant chess set awarded last year, robotics mat also awarded last year, byrdseed.com (some free stuff available) grant awarded (lessons for G&T), Blockly (coding) grant also awarded,

Professional development - keynote about AI (will share like), enhancing collaboration between G&T and classroom teachers (project Bump-up), Collaboration, CoTeaching & Coaching text, useful websites and projects that can be taking out of those website, 21st century literature - using more relatable literature in the classroom (Bill will send links), GREAT experience had by those who attended

Grant applications: midyear and end-of-year due dates - found on the website

3. NJAGC

PD Committee- quarterly webinars are planned - no schedule yet

“Sharefest” on 10/10 at TCNJ - njagc.org for more information

Family liaison group - online weekly meetings - they are zoom meetings - gifted & twice exceptional students - ragins@njagc.org Stacy Ragins

Annual Conference - spring (March/April) - njagc.com still being finalized, not posted yet

Proposals for sessions are accepted October - mid-November

4. NJDOE Gifted and Talented Data REPORT

Recently released [UPDATE](#) from the Office of Standards, Division of Teaching and Learning - must be completed on QSAC year - data released recently that was first collected in 2020 (can be found on NJDOE website) race & ethnicity looked at with representation in G&T programs across the state -

5. Gifted Identification

Zoom presentation on Naglieri 3 - assessment option - Naglieri General Ability Tests (Verbal, Nonverbal, Quantitative) it's about how you think, not what you know - takes out language barrier - measures reasoning ability - website based testing - 40 items per test - K-2 takes 30 minutes per section - grades 3-9 35 minutes per section -

training available on demand for teachers (20 minutes) - Cost \$6 per test per student reduced costs for using multiple tests - naglierigiftedtests.com -

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6. 2023-24 EVENTS

Registration forms **must include the storm date**; registrants must state whether they can make storm date at the time of registration.

- Event dates are due at Sept meeting INCLUDING a storm date
 - Respect these dates as commitments, as events are planned per registration numbers

EVENT NAME	Gr	EVENT Date	STORM Date	Coordinator(s) Note
<i>Mind-Nastics - Gr 4 Belvidere Media Center 9:30-12:30</i>	4	Oct. 30	?	Kim Reber & Erin Ti
<i>Legos on the Loose - Grade 3 Evening Event</i>	3	Jan 25	Feb 1	Jamie Leiser
<i>Invention Convention Evening Event</i>	4	April 11	April 18	Jamie Leiser
<i>Battle of the Minds % Evening Event</i>	5,6	November 1	November 13	Jennifer Mazziotta-W
<i>Battle of Minds % Evening Event</i>	7,8	Jan 16	Jan 23	Heather Weidlick
<i>Math-a-Magicians - Gr 3</i>	3	Dec 13	Dec 15	Nancy Baglio

Marvelous Math <i>Allamuchy - Day activity</i>	2	Dec 5	Dec 7	Nancy Baglio
YearGame “In-house” YG competitions have autonomy WCCSE competition requires entries to be submitted to web portal for review.	4-8	Dec-Feb; All entries due Jan 31 <i>Awards at TechFest</i>	All online	Kristin Baker
Debate Grades 5-8 <i>Topic???</i> <i>Blairstown Church??</i> <i>Day Event???</i>	5-8	Jan 22??	Jan 29??	Kristin Baker & Chris Maggie Devine & Al
Pringles Project	2-5	Nov 17 register	Mail after winter break	Jenn Mazz & Deirdre
Robotics - Grades 3-8 <i>Two divisions, variety of robots.</i> <i>No Remote Control- must program robot</i> <i>Harmony - after school</i>	3-8	Feb 21	Feb 22	Christine Drevitch Jenn Mazz (Adam Tucker)
Spelling Bee <i>Phillipsburg Middle School</i> <i>2 students per school</i>	5,6	Feb 14	Feb 21	Stephanie Condon
Physics of Skating Villa Roller Rink - <i>Still have not heard back about the possibility of this?</i>	6-8			Bill Nutt & Alyssa E <i>Pending negotiated r</i>
Strategic Thinking Day - Rubik’s Cube tournament <i>Washington Boro - Memorial School Gym - Day Event</i>	5	March 22	April 10	Becky Snyder
Phabulous Physics - Gr 3/4 <i>Grade 3 - crash</i> <i>Grade 4 roller coasters</i> <i>Day event</i>	3,4	March 19	March 21	Nancy Baglio

<i>Battle of the Books 3/4 Evening Book List Sent</i>	3-4	May 15	May 29	Kim Reber
<i>Battle of the Books 5/6 Evening Book List to Be Revised</i>	5-6	April ?		<i>Bridget Carvajal</i>
<i>Battle of the Books 7/8 Evening Book list Pending</i>	7-8	May 9	May 16	Alyssa Eisner
<i>Chess Tournament K - 6 during school Rutherford Hall Top 4 players ranked & 2 alternates</i>	K-6	March 5	March 12	Mike Micucci
<i>Chess Tournament 7 - 8 How about 6-8? During school</i>	6-8 or 7-8	Mid-March before spring break March 13?	March 20?	Erin Tierney & Kristin Baker
<i>TechFest GeekOut After School Mansfield</i>	Any Grade	April 16	April 23	Kristin Baker
<i>Young Writers' Competition</i>	k-12	Dec 15 - submissions		Maggie Devine
<i>WCCSE Video Expo & Competition Evening Mansfield Theme: ??? You don't know what you don't know 90 seconds - 3 minutes</i>	k-8	May 3 Videos due Mid April	May 10	Kristin Baker
<i>CONVOCATION SPARC BioMedical Research The Case of the Broken Beaker 6 students per school</i>	6,7	??	??	Heather Weidlick

<p><i>Parent Webinar:</i></p> <p><i>Possible speaker</i> Emily K. Morris The Neurodiversity podcast</p>	<p>Ps & Ts adults</p>	<p>Jan 30</p>	<p>Feb 6</p>	<p>Kristin Baker Jenn Mazz Deirdre Mulligan</p>
<p><i>Family Day?</i></p>				<p>Needs committee</p>

Other: Professional Learning for Gifted Instruction - on the Consortium website under resources - <https://wccseprofessionallearning.weebly.com/> -