

WCCSE

Spring Meeting 6/2017

7 June 2017/ 9:00am - 2:00pm / Oxford Street School

Attendees

Kristin Baker, Loren Ackerman, Caralee Gately, Bill Nutt, Ian Denzer-Weiler, Barbara Weinstein, Vicki Demarest, Kim Reber, Debbie Shelly, Kelly Jones, Connie Drakeobrien, Maggie Devine, Deirde Mulligan, Clorimar Holyoak, Jennifer Mazziota-Walter, Holly Pierfy

Intro of officers

- Kristin Baker - Chair
- Christine Drevitch - Treasurer
- Kelly Reed - Secretary
- Loren Ackerman - Past Chair

Structure of organization

- Most districts still using faculty member to take on many different roles including G&T
- Developing a program which can be passed on to other teachers in school/consortium

Notes

Volunteerism

- Decisions needed for during the school-year made by Executive Board or officers but input is open to any member

Mission Statement

- Shift since 1994 overview of G&T mission statement - identified versus recommended students

- Difficult to iron out because of differing district policies for G&T program
- Provide programming, professional development, educational support.
 - Not a governing body
- Develop programs that would encourage diverse thinkers, not just academic thinkers
- Nourish and encourage learning for all stakeholders in school community
- Include NAGC standards

Communication

- Use Weebly for major form of communication (thanks Caralee)
 - WCCSE.weebly.com

Treasury Report

- Total expenses - \$5,363
- Total income - \$6,000
- In bank - \$4,529,70
- Renzulli cards (PD)
 - Resource, quick information tool for each district
- Other program possibilities
 - World Games - Future Problem Solving
 - Convocation at younger grades
- \$500 toward UConn Confratute - possibility for next year?

Participation, Registration, Fees, and Equity

- Frelinghuysen has participated in two events (chess and spelling bee) without paying WCCSE registration fee. Letter for outstanding payment to be sent by Christine
- Policies
 - Student must be accompanied by school district staff member, this will need to be added to registration forms for events. This includes student helpers for events and evening/night events.
- Generic WCCSE Template for all events (Google Forms)
- Registration
 - Committee established after fall meeting to examine recommendations to adjust registration policy
 - 1 fee per district

- Some events may be capped
 - 1 team from each paid member school, 10 teams max, waiting list, etc.
- Include registration deadlines, waitlist for teams registering after deadline
 - Waitlist is at the discretion of event coordinator
- Event locations
 - Choice of venue is up to event coordinator

No nuts, tree nuts, peanuts at any WCCSE events

- Nutts are still acceptable

Eligibility/Curriculum

- PARCC scores for identifying
 - Still not clear on NJDOE if these should be used
- Curriculum compacting
 - Impacts definition of enrichment push-in vs pull out vs gifted programs
- Sages III
 - No sign of Sages III coming out
- Slocumb-Payne
 - Teacher perception inventory scoring
- Move toward uniform identification process?
 - Cluster G&T meetings
 - Multiple measures against local cohort
 - Requalifying
 - Once they're in, they're in
 - Adjust curriculum or level of involvement as needed

Equity

- Survey to see if program participation reflects district demographics

Parent/Teacher Seminar

- 1/2017 Social Emotional Needs with ~~C. Kottmyer~~ Nathan Levy
- National Standards are a guideline for state/district standards
- If a budget does not allow full-time G&T teacher, students can not get a full G&T program

- Next year – parent outreach
 - Weeknight or Saturday event
 - Competing with sporting events
 - Seminar – Separate coordinators to set up for fall meeting
 - Allison Brown
 - Include presentation of what WCCSE is
 - Family game night or combination
 - Include the movie Gifted, Ozobots

Centenary PD Day

- 6 Workshops, huge success
 - Tech Smackdown
 - Present favorite piece of technology during lunch 2-3 minutes at a time
- October 2017 for Dr. Saba: not Columbus Day in-service (10/9)
 - Confirmed Fri. 10/20

Events

- Mindnastics Wed. 10/25 (tentative)
- Convocation
 - \$2,300 – 80 students
 - 2017 Power of Word and Deed with Walt Frasier, Joe Pizzo, Stephen Kozan
 - Very successful
 - 2018 March 5-16 ideas
 - STEM
 - CSI/forensics
 - Breakout Edu
 - Escape Room
 - Camp Invention
 - Outdoor/environmental
- Debate Thu. 3/22

Dates 2017-2018

- Battle of the Minds 7th 8th Nov. 2
- Battle of the Books 7th 8th April 11
 - Questions specifically about books

- Battle of the Books 3rd 4th May 16
- Battle of the Books 5th 6th April 2018
 - List still in the works
 - Common Sense Media
 - Parent/teacher resource for advice on books
- Spelling Bee February 2018
- Battle of the Minds 5th 6th
- Debate March 23
 - Revised scoring system - qualifying vs tally quantity of evidence
- Pringle Project
- Marvelous Math 2nd Dec. 7 (snow Dec. 8)
- Mathmagicians 3rd Feb. 26 (snow Feb. 27)
 - At Harmony Firehouse
 - Ozmo
 - Pig
- Legos 3rd grade Jan 25
 - Literature theme
 - Hatchery Hill School 6:30pm
- Mindnastics 4th Oct. 25 (tentative)
 - Evangelical Free Church of Blainstown
- Year Game 2017 any grades 4-8 month of January
- Chess K-6 first week in March (March 6 tentative)
 - Allamuchy; Rutherford Hall
 - Shortened rounds to 8 minutes
- Convo 6th 7th Week of March 12
- Video Expo K-8th evening in May 2018
 - Students can make these on their own
 - Theme to be announced fall 2017
- Phabulous Physics 3rd 4th date forthcoming for fall meeting
 - Rollercoaster Derby - 4th
 - CRASH - 3rd
- Invention Expo 4th April 26 6:30-7:30pm
 - Poster board to present invention
 - Treps program
 - Thomas Edison Invention Challenge
 - Invention Convention
- Strategic Thinking Day Grade 5 in May
 - New Coordinator

- Robotics K-8th December
 - Does not have to be a Lego Mindstorm Kit (Dash/Dot Robotics, Meeper Bots, Ozobots)

NJAGC Conference

- More info. Coming in Sept.

NW NJ K-8 Chess Championship

- Based at SCCC K-4, 5-8 division
- Looking to expand to Warren
- \$35 fee for pizza, drinks, snacks

Future City

- Critical Thinking challenge-based learning program where 6th-8th grade students research, imagine, design, build cities of the future
 - Recycled, repurposed materials to build physical model
- \$25 to register team
- Deadlines given out

Sept. WCCSE Meeting

- Sept. 18, 2017 9:00-2:00 (tentative)
- Franklin Township School District
 - 52 Asbury Broadway Rd. Washington, NJ
- Kelly: Notify Consortium members for Fall meeting to look over Mission Statement Draft [here](#)