

## Highly Capable Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

Date: 3/12/15

Time: 3:30-5:00

Location: Portable C behind Ordway

Attendees: Jeff McCormick, Juliet Shier, Carrie Strayer, Elizabeth Cromwell, Sheryl Belt, Kristin Collins, Amii Pratt, Jana Walters, Janette Dodge, Annie Edwards, Sarah Auerbach, Cheryl Cain, Anna Steen, Joe McRitchie, Judy Levine, Kate Garfield, Kristin Haizlip

Guest: Mary Madison

Notetaker: Carrie Strayer

Feedback from Austina De Bonte presentation:

- Well-attended, just over 100 people
- Solid information - appreciated her sharing both the positive and negative of each trait
- Parents thankful to know they have a network of parents facing similar issues
- A couple of people outside the committee perceived the title of the presentation to be offensive/exclusive.

Is there an interest in bringing in other speakers? Yes! Jeff borrowed Judy's external hard drive :) to preview Susan Jackson presentation.

Updates from HC specialists:

- Juliet shared a PowerPoint of her recent lessons at Commodore and Woodward, tally of her recent time expenditures
- Carrie shared a Redbird update and realignment of Sakai pull-out services update. Amii shared some insights as to the reasoning behind the changes and how conscientious administrators are trying to be in attending to student concerns.

Sharing of mid-year check in:

- Parent group (K-4) had each site rep meet with parents from their site to ask a series of 5 questions. The results were compiled in the form of a letter to Jeff. Committee members were given time to read through the letter. A committee member handed out a supplementary information she had gathered on her own. Cheryl summarized on behalf of the parent group: 1) Carrie and Juliet have been trying to implement some of the things parents have recommended and have had roadblocks, 2) Parents feel like there needs to be more time with enhanced instruction. Common themes: being identified as HC made children feel stronger, more confident, there is more engagement, challenge and enrichment at a higher level, communication needs to improve, ILPs are not working (*Jeff reported that with feedback from all levels and groups feeling the same way, we will be looking for another way to share how differentiation is happening*), curriculum is needed, scheduling is difficult, goal/metrics following up throughout the year, more time with enhanced instruction.
- Carrie shared results of parent survey and made it partially through the staff survey. Her docs will be shared with committee members via email.

Recommendations for 2015-16\*:

- We will reconvene Thursday, 3/26, 3:30-5:00

Communication:

- Amii will send Sakai's recommendations for next year to Jeff and he will send to the committee.