

Highly Capable Advisory Committee Meeting 2/11/16

Agenda and Notes

3:30-5:00

Portable C (note change in location)

Members: Those not in attendance are in *italics*

Attending: Jeff McCormick, Ashley Crandall, Nicole Bakker, Kristin Haizlip, **Nina Spruil**, Sarah Auerbach, Cheryl Cain, Elizabeth Cromwell, Judy Levine, Kate Garfield, Lisa Deen, Jason Shutt, Erin Morgan, Kristin Nelson, **Paulette Manson**, Kristin Collins, Jill Phillips, Janette Dodge, Warren Read, Sam Cameron, Amii Pratt, Sheryl Belt

Overview to today's meeting agenda provided by Jeff.

Update on kindergarten referral -- Jeff (10)

Students were referred and given the CogAT screener. Parent rating form was included with nomination permission. MDT reviewed information along with teacher HOPE scale and report card grades from the semester. Letters to parents are going out tomorrow. Judy shared that the prior letters for not qualifying were considered a bit harsh and suggested softening the language which Jeff said he could do before they go out tomorrow. Although appeal process is outlined, Judy shared it's hard for parents to know what to bring forth for an appeal. Discussion of how best to communicate a message to parents.

Recommendations for process for identifying HC area for young students

(math/ ELA) -- All (20)

Jeff shared some history of identifying the young students as "highly capable" but not domain specific until a little older. Last month's meeting, feedback was provided on what grade is appropriate for identification of domain. K, 1, and 2 students are not qualified by domain at this time. Agreement we don't want to retest students in order to identify by domain at a higher grade level. Today's small group task was to decide what grade is appropriate for the identification of domain. Group discussion of why and how designation is used. Triad groups of mixed staff/parent to discuss and provide input on

the appropriate grade level for domain identification. Group agreement to identify at the end of 4th grade prior to moving to 5th grade based on current data and teacher input. Process to be developed prior to the end of this year.

High School New Course Proposals-- Kristen Haizlip (10)

Kristen shared the process for new course proposals developed based on student need and interest surveys and the proposals going before the Board for approval tonight:

- Intro to Computer Science (CTE credit)
- Biomedical Engineering (CTE or Science credit)
- UW in the High School Global Health 101 - Eagle Harbor High School
- Applied Statistics (prerequisite AP Stats)

Parent Support Opportunity--Cheryl (10)

2E Salon - February 23, 2016

Flyer to hopefully go out to all district families and staff tomorrow.

Planning for mid-year input from staff, parents, students -- Jeff (20)

Groups reviewed survey questions and indicated appropriateness for a parent, student, staff

Input/communication from committee- All parent, SEAL, and staff members (10)

Closing and agenda building-- (5)

Upcoming meetings 3/17, 4/21, 5/19