

Gifted Indicator Work Group Minutes

April 2, 2014

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Work Group Members Present

Tom Ash, Colleen Boyle, Matt Cohen, Ann Sheldon, Wendy Stoica, Michael Tefs, Chris Woolard

Welcome and Approval of Minutes

Chair Chris Woolard called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. Chris asked for corrections to the March 26th meeting minutes and hearing none, the minutes were approved.

Review of Meeting #2

At the last meeting the work group looked at a lot of data as well as discussing Value-Added and Achievement. The team concluded the meeting with a discussion on Inputs, a conversation that will continue today.

Preview of Gifted Dashboard

Chair Woolard reviewed handouts and an interactive projection of the current Gifted Dashboard. The Gifted Dashboard will be embedded in the web app of the report card. It was built using internal software and internal IT resources. Acceleration and screening data are not possible at this time because that data is not yet in the data warehouse. ODE's goal is to get the Gifted Dashboard out this spring with 2013 data, then have an updated version on the 2014 Report Card. Chris' presentation was followed by lively discussion, comments and feedback. Work group members liked the look and feel of the current Gifted Dashboard.

Discussion on Indicator Framework

Matt talked about acceleration, explaining that 3,500 students were looked at statewide. Matt said 3,500 is a small number, but the findings were helpful nonetheless. The group discussed ideas, options and questions around the Indicator Framework. There are already built in incentives in the performance index for accelerations, and formal acceleration will be reported on the dashboard. There was a suggestion to take the data and break it down by distribution to help inform what types of expectations should be built into the indicator and how to move forward linking future research. Screening was discussed as an input. There are currently five potential inputs on the table for review. Those are:

- Percentage identified
- Percentage served of total enrollment

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- Accelerated (will send data to help in considering this)
- Screening

Next Steps and Adjournment

At the next meeting the team will focus on the five potential inputs and discuss details pertaining to each and review questions around the use of grade bands at the district level. Additionally, the possibility of a sixth level of performance will be discussed, as well as whether to build in a recommendation to revisit it at a later date.

Chair Woolard adjourned the meeting at 3:03 p.m.

Next meeting dates: May 1 (tentative), May 7 – all meetings are scheduled for 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Materials reviewed during the April 2, 2014 Gifted Indicator Work Group meeting are available at <http://education.ohio.gov/State-Board/Committees/State-Board-Accountability-Committee-Meetings/Gifted-Indicator-Workgroup>