

Gifted Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
Ohio Department of Education
February 12, 2020 – 12:30 p.m.

Call to Order and Welcome

Joseph Petrarca called the meeting to order and Curt Bradshaw asked all attendees to introduce themselves. Meeting norms and the council purpose were reviewed, along with an overview of the day's agenda. Sarah Lee conducted roll call. Joe announced the new Director of the Office for Exceptional Children, Jo Hannah Ward.

Review and Approve December 2019 Minutes

December 2019 meeting minutes were approved as presented. Brian motioned, Ann seconded, and all members voted in agreement.

Gifted Education Updates

- Last Year's Process
 - Eleven applications were submitted last year – none were approved
 - A subcommittee of the Gifted Advisory Council, consisting of Kelli, Susan and Curt, met for a half-day last year to review applications and provide feedback to the department for consideration.
 - Department staff reviewed submitted applications and scored using a rubric. Feedback from the subcommittee was considered, however, staff made final determinations.
 - Districts were provided with feedback as to why the application was not approved, and they were given the opportunity to appeal
- Proposed Timeline for This Year
 - Application window opens – March 13
 - Applications due – April 24
 - Districts notified of initial decisions – May 15
 - Appeals by districts due – May 29
 - Districts notified of final decisions – June 15

There was consensus to approve the timeline.
- Volunteers for Review Subcommittee
 - Beth will send a survey asking for volunteers for the review subcommittee
 - We could have the review during the first part of the day on April 29 and the Gifted Advisory Council meeting would take place during the second part of the day.
- Review of Research, Data and Trends
 - Research, data and trends were reviewed. This information can be found in the Gifted Advisory Council's [February 2020 meeting folder](#).

Council Members' Updates

Council members gave updates and announcements from their regions.

Next Steps and Closing Comments

- Next meeting date – April 29, 2020. We will meet away from downtown. The meeting will be four hours long, beginning at 11:00 a.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m. with a working lunch.
- Joe will ask ODE legal if the applications can be shared electronically for review.

- The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m. with a motion from Ann, seconded by Rhonda.