

Gifted Advisory Council

State Library of Ohio
Columbus, OH
Feb. 19, 2024, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Members present: Michelle Andears, Chloe Backman, Erica Baer-Woods, Leah Barger, Lynn Carney, Emily Crabtree, Kylie Duskey, David Eby, Jennifer Ehlers, Anne Flick, Deborah Glynn, Brandi Goodwin, Kara Gummel, Maggie Gunnerson, Stacie Hayne, TK Kuykendall, Kimberly McCormick, Elizabeth Ratliff, Abbie Sigmon, Tom Smith, Carmen Tarbill, Heather Townley

Welcome and Introductions

Sherry Bircherm called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and welcomed the members. TK Kuykendall called the roll.

Agenda Items

MINUTES APPROVAL AND CONNECTION BEFORE CONTENT

Maggie Gunnerson asked for a vote to approve the December 2024 meeting minutes. Deb Glynn motioned to approve, and Abbie Sigmon seconded. The minutes were approved with one edit.

Maria Lohr and her team led a connection activity where members arranged themselves by regions, roles, and importance of identification, service, and professional learning.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Reminders, Bylaws, and State Plan

Mrs. Bircherm reminded the council that information and documentation shared within the Gifted Advisory Council should not be provided to anyone outside the Gifted Advisory Council or the Department of Education and Workforce. This information and documentation may be subject to a public records request, which is handled through the Office of Legal Counsel of the Department of Education and Workforce.

Mrs. Bircherm also shared that the Bylaws are going through the Department's review process and may be shared in late spring and the Gifted State Plan will be available for the Council to review at the April 30 meeting.

WHOLE GROUP DISCUSSION

Vision Statement and Theory of Action

Members reviewed the new and old vision statements and discussed them in small groups to discuss the handouts for the Math plan theory of action. Then, they were led in a share out of what they discussed.

After discussing the theories of action, Mrs. Bircherm welcomed Melissa Weber-Mayrer. Dr. Weber-Mayrer praised the council's discussion on family engagement and community collaboration. She asked them to suggest ways the Department can promote family and community engagement and to share ideas for the "why" section of the Gifted plan. The council then had a small group discussion, writing their ideas on sticky notes and adding them to a "parking lot" for the Department to review later.

WORK GROUP BREAKOUT

Before and after lunch, the council members broke into their workgroups to review actions and strategies. Their tasks included recommending what the state should be tasked to do, what should be removed from the list, and what should be considered to add.

DEBRIEF, NEXT STEPS, AND CLOSING COMMENTS

At 3p.m. Mrs. Lohr closed the meeting out with travel reimbursement reminders and thanked the Council Members for the productive work time, then Mrs. Gunnerson asked for a motion to adjourn which was motioned by Erika Baer-Woods and seconded by Kylie Duskey. The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.