

TAGAC Meeting Minutes for March 8, 2017

16 Attendees: **Mark Feldman, Nicole Iroz-Elardo, Eric Houghton**, Megan Robertson, Margaret Delacy, Jenny Peddicord, Jane Chaddick, **Mike Marsden, Meghan Whitaker**, Erin Crouch, **Jessica Colby, Natalie Hval, Deborah F.**, Andrew Johnson (PPS TAG), **Scholle McFarland, J Grab** (TAGAC members in bold)

Introductions

Call for Additional Agenda Items

Approval of Feb 2017 minutes: *Motion (Meghan) and 2nd*

Announcements

- Oregon HB 2419 to provide funding for TAG services - Update from Margaret Delacy (OATAG)
 - This is an old Bill introduced originally by Rep. Julie Parrish (it has been around before)
 - Hearing was last week and was very successful. Lots of letters and testimonials.
 - The bill has a “prior referral” and has to get through another committee (Revenue committee). This group isn’t as familiar. Plus no one is going to pass a bill that costs more money when other things are being cut.
 - To advocate for more funding in general, Margaret would probably get behind PTA, etc.
 - Representative Margaret Doherty (Tigard and SW Portland) is the biggest obstacle. Ed committee has to have a work session to refer the bill. But because there is questionable next steps in Revenue, it seems unlikely it will be given a work session in Education.

- Last OMSI TAG night will be April 24th - Lego Night. (Previous OMSI night very popular with 350 families attending, including lots of families of color)
- TAG Parent Seminar night upcoming (4/11). Will have breakout sessions led by Noelle. Geared towards all parents. Speaker is Judi Smith (SENG, OATAG board member). Overexcitabilities, social emotional support, etc.
- District-wide Science Showcase, May 20, 2017 - grades 3-5, at OMSI. 17 schools are participating.
- Oregon Writing Festival (<http://www.octe.org/oregon-writing-festival.html>)

- Spelling Bee @ Rice, 40 schools participating on April 8th.
- Question: any TAG 101 sessions coming up for new TAG parents? Nothing planned for spring.
- Moore-Munson school board debate next week

Learning about the new Superintendent Finalist

- Handout w/ Dr. Dickey's basic info
- We have a call into Atlanta GATE (gifted and talented education) program
- Coming from a place where 74% of student population is African American.
- SPED and GATE info is pretty limited on the Atlanta website
- Georgia has a state mandated and funded GATE program
 - K-2; 220 minutes of specific GATE instruction
 - 3-5; 250
 - Both pullouts and classrooms
 - High school is advanced content and/or collaborated
- Identification has additional elements for motivation and creative thinking
- Big on gifted endorsed teachers - either as a classroom or in a co-teaching
- Summer programs - 2 week enrichment program for GATE identified students; governor's program

Next steps:

- Start a google doc with questions for him
- Research and Evaluate data

Teaching and Learning Committee update

- Andrew has been working on a plan for a continuum of TAG services; presented today at T&L
- Outcomes are:
 - "Plan is going forward" - in front of Dr. McKean with adjustments. Unclear if it ever goes to the full board.
 - Growth plan for ACCESS - T&L will forward recommendation that grades 3-8 will be 3 sections. This recommendation will go to DBRAC.
 - Note they did not endorse a specific building or building configuration.
- Reception of the continuum (so other than ACCESS)
 - Well received
 - Questions about clustering

- Discussion/Acknowledgement of Division 22 → what budget would be required to meet that?
- Discussion of Including TAG in the intervention system, automatic
- SSA - needs to be universally available with some certainty
- Lack of clarity on next steps.
- Andrew's next steps
 - Continued engagement with principals (say around clustering)
 - Educating educators of the plan

Feedback on recent revisions to TAG Continuum Document

- Question on the core classes involved in potential middle school satellites. In the document, seems to be missing the cohort classes for social science and language arts. This is an omission and will be fixed.
- Comments about “building up to” and/or rolling it out. Andrew agrees that this is the optimal endstate.