

# Portland Public Schools TAG Advisory Council (TAGAC)

December 9, 2014 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

## Meeting Minutes

**Attending Members:** Terese Bushnell, Johanna Colgrove, Mark Feldman, Deborah. F., Nicole Iroz-Elardo, Mike Marsden, Scholle McFarland, Diana Ortiz, Miriam Zellnik

**Absent Members:** Callie Love, Amy Rueda

**Attending Guests:** Jennifer Bilbie-Alexander, Marcy Ownby, Colin Cunningham

**Attending PPS Staff:** Toni Hunter, Cathy Daley, Matthew Marchyok, Tessalie Schulte, Andy Wheller

### I. Call to Order and Preliminaries

6:30

Minutes were approved with no changes. Susan Lattimore resigned by email to Mark due to continuing conflicts with her work schedule and improving but slow recovery from a health issue. We thank Susan for her service and wish her a speedy recovery. There are 11 members remaining. According to the Bylaws, any member missing more than half of the meetings in a year will cease to be members. Two members have not attended any meetings this year and are in danger of being subject to this clause. Scholle wrote and got a TAG OpEd published in the Oregonian, a copy of which was handed out.

### II. Old Business and Unfinished Action Items (AI)

1. **(AI: Tessalie: Closed)** Provide breakdown of 30 acceleration requests – how many were SSA?
  - Tessalie says that there is no data. This is not tracked.
2. **(AI: Mark: Closed)** Draft a proposal to change the Bylaws so that a quorum is 51% or 5 members, whichever is fewer, for discussion and vote at next meeting. See handouts.
  - After a short review of the changes, a motion to approve the new Bylaws was passed unanimously.
3. **(AI: Mark: Closed)** Create shared google folder and doc. Email URL to all members. Done.
4. **(AI: Scholle->Mark)** Consolidate ideas that people put into shared doc to create a stance for what we would have said to SACET if they had come to talk with us, so that we could use for comments at a Board meeting.
  - This idea morphed into Scholle's published editorial for the Oregonian. Mark will continue and produce and deliver a comment at an upcoming Board meeting.
5. **(AR: Mark: Closed)** Get the meeting notes from small group meeting with Erika and TOSA's.
  - Distributed at this meeting.
6. Toni said she has experience with the Division 22 reports and gave us some background. Program Administrators work on the reports, but the last 5 years have been very lax in actually having evidence. Mark suggested that we continue to consider, but postpone discussion of any response to the Division 22 report. Tony also told us that an advertisement went up today for the new TAG Administrator and will stay up until 12/19. It's a half time position but Toni supports a full time position, especially next year, if it can be arranged. One qualification is at least 3 years of working experience with gifted programs. Melissa is still out on medical leave but should be back in January. The winter testing window just starting. They are revising the whole process. They are working on the changes to the SSA process, but math hasn't met with them yet.

### III. Conversations with PPS

none

### IV. Committee Sessions

none

### V. New Business

The rest of the meeting was a discussion of what we would like to say to the School Board. The two main messages decided upon were "Effective TAG Services are an Equity Issue" and "Strong Neighborhood Schools Include Strong TAG Services." Mark will start a first draft and Scholle, Johanna, Terese, Deborah and anyone else interested can help edit it online.<sup>1</sup>

### VI. Questions and Comments from Guests

### VII Adjourn

8:00

### NEXT MEETING

Tuesday Jan 13, 2015 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

BESC (District admin. building) at 501 N. Dixon St, 97227 Mazama Room (second floor behind cafeteria)

<sup>1</sup> A copy of comments presented will be made available on the TAGAC website.