

Meeting of the State Advisory Committee on Gifted Education

Tuesday, September 28, 2004 – 3:45 – 5:30 – CCRI Warwick, Room 1128

Outcomes and Agenda/Minutes

Outcome Action/Decision Who? When? Comments

Welcome – Introductions Introduce new members, visitors: - new associate member Jackie Crowley – Program Teacher in Cumberland

Meeting Dates Next Meeting date(s): review dates for the year - Tuesdays at 3:45 – September 28, November 30, January 25, March 29, May 24

Current Membership List Updates: none

Report from RIDE - Coordinator – Ina S. Woolman- Commissioner’s letter to Superintendents – Learning Beyond Grade Level- RIDE is preparing to issue a message to districts that they are expected to provide curriculum and instruction that meets the needs of students learning beyond grade level expectation, and will review approaches to meeting this requirement, as well as programs, every five years- districts will also be asked to submit information on programs or portions of programs that include selection of a limited number of students to participate- Protocol for Approving Programs Statewide- forms and procedures for program submission and approval will accompany the Commissioner’s letter- Advisory Committee support for program reviews- committee members are invited to assist with reviews of programs and visits to districts once the system begins

(six of the members present volunteered)- it was suggested to form a sub-committee to help develop a support packet for districts, and to review submitted programs - Our Committee's status as an official state commission- agendas and minutes are now submitted electronically to the Sec'y of State- names of members will also be on file

Advice to the Commissioner Next steps:- a format was provided to help continue the process of prioritizing topics of discussion for a meeting with the Commissioner – members are requested to fill it out and bring it to the next meeting EACH MEMBER FOR NEXT MEETING

Reports from Action Committees - Website – our site is now linked to the Westerly website – other links are sought – check in with your district and contact Jason Lin- a listserv on Yahoo was suggested - Professional Development Committee – Susan Griggs and Jeanne Dawson will again present to participants of the Supporting All Students series on differentiating instruction- support is sought for other speakers- The Business Connection – the Business School Partnership project that was begun three years ago needs updating, administration and a website that can support an interactive data base – grants will be sought- Regional Conference – RIAGE reports that future regional conferences, including the 2006 scheduled for RI, will probably be scaled back and reformatted – perhaps to just Friday night and Saturday, with a kids' conference- still awaiting a response from the Commissioner re support from RIDE EACH MEMBER Jason to contact Diana Lenny to seek grants next meeting

Public Comment - RIAGE asks for help being invited to districts to

present information on and promote both the regional conference and the association- they will be meeting after each Advisory Committee meeting- website = riage.org - it was suggested that RIAGE provide support to parents in approaching schools to support their children “learning beyond” – e.g. an electronic Goody Bag of helpful attachments

Adjournment to Action Committee and RIAGE meetings

If you require supports in order to be able to participate in this meeting, please notify Paula Achin at 222-4600 x2304 as soon as possible.

Members Present:

Jeanne Dawson Beth DiPanni Vanessa Donoyan Susan Griggs Len Iannuccilli Jason Lin Dianne McAulay Linda Newman Jean Pettengill Diana Reeves Carolyn Rosenthal Linda Warzyka

Members Excused:

Eleanor Case Robert Henderson Karen Ostroff Lin Patty Doug Pearson