

Meeting of the State Advisory Committee on Gifted Education

Thursday, March 23, 2006 – 3:45 – 5:30 – New England Institute of Technology*, Hall of Fame Room, 2nd floor

Minutes

Outcome Action/Decision Who? When? Comments

Welcome – Introductions Introduce new members, visitors: none: Eleanor Case is resigning due to increased job responsibilities (in good health now!)

Meeting Dates Next Meeting date(s): Thursday, May 25 ATTENTION: LOCATION CHANGE – DIRECTIONS BELOW!!!

Report from RIDE Re: statewide initiative on “Response to Intervention” (RTI) – although the focus is on ensuring that all students become proficient, it is also resulting in increased focus on student learning beyond grade level – in Cumberland this is being combined with RTI, differentiated instruction, and inclusive service delivery in classrooms that meet all students’ needs; RTI provides schools with data on how ALL their students are performing – this has drawn staff attention in many cases to those performing well above proficiency, and to how to support

their continued learning - Protocol for Approving Programs Statewide –pending completion of inventory- Status report: Basic Education Program and other regulations revision –under discussion – our suggestions being forwarded

Advice to the Commissioner Next steps:- status: process of developing program review materials and formats – met with Sue

Griggs to begin exploration in Westerly context – the inventory pointed out a number of things even this district could/should do- little response to request for sub-committee – intention to arrange meeting tonight – too few in attendance- regulations/Basic Education Plan discussion – preliminary perspectives – next steps – postponed to next meeting due to unusual number of last-minute conflicts preventing members from attending

Strategic Discussion from Constituencies - Website – update of progress, revisions and linkages- RIAGE – including Affiliates Conference (Laura Dussault attended – visited legislators, distributed information), Regional Conference 2006 report (still seeking volunteer assistance)- Professional Development – - The Business Connection – - Other -

New Business

Public Comment

*** NEIT, 2500 Post Road, Warwick, RI – from I-95, Airport Exit - #13, Post Road Exit (Rte 1), turn right (south), 1 mile on left, just past Gold's Gym – main entrance at far end of building, closest entrance in side alcove near Post Road – look for the large open staircase up to the Hall of Fame room**

If you require supports in order to be able to participate in this meeting, please notify Sheila Beliveau at 222-8343 as SOON as possible.

Members Present:

Laura Dussault Lin Murray Patty

Members Excused:

**Jeanne Dawson Susan Griggs Claire Hughes Jason Lin Dianne
McAulay Diana Reeves Carolyn Rosenthal**