

Meeting of the State Advisory Committee on Gifted Education

Thursday, May 25, 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: Karen Ostroff has a new position as Executive Director of the West Bay Collaborative; visitors – Cynthia Smith and Kelly Hunt supporting Warwick’s ALAP program

Meeting Dates Next Meeting date(s): set September date, tentative rest of the year 2006-2007 Meetings will be held on Thursdays, at the West Bay Collaborative, from 3:45 to 5:30 p.m. The first meeting is September 28, other meetings are set unless changed at/by the first meeting time: November 30, January 25, March 22, May 24

Report from RIDE - The new Director of the Office of Special Populations, Kenneth Swanson sent his most sincere regrets – an unavoidable conflict arose at the last minute – he will attend the next meeting that his schedule allows - good news - we are hearing from various sources that the growing emphasis on collecting and analyzing data about students’ classroom performance is leading teachers to consider how to challenge those students who continually perform at the “ceiling” of assessments – an important prerequisite to appropriate supports within the classroom - more good news - the new Performance-Based Graduation Requirements required in all high schools are offering a variety of paths to

graduation, and include early graduation, portfolios, etc. – all of which hold promise of more appropriately tailored high school experiences for students - Protocol for Approving Programs Statewide – closer to readiness- Status report: Basic Education Program and other regulations revision- on a slow track

Advice to the Commissioner Next steps: low turnout postponed work on these topics- status: process of developing program review materials and formats- regulations/Basic Education Plan discussion – preliminary perspectives – next steps

Strategic Discussion from Constituencies - Website – update of progress, revisions and linkages – Jason welcomes and NEEDS content to put into the website to update it – anyone is welcome to send him things or point them out; Jason and Susan will find a date & time to meet at West Bay, and by conference call and email to work on updating the website- RIAGE – including Regional Conference October 2006 report – Thursday the 19th through Saturday the 21st, Crown Plaza in Warwick – the speakers are now on the website – necgt.org - Professional Development – May conference in CT, Westerly and Cranston folks attended - Cranston Public Schools is sending 9 people to Confratute – 5 elementary teachers, 3 middle school teachers, and 1 principal

New Business

Public Comment Our visitors voiced concern over the potential loss of Warwick's ALAP program.

Members Present:

Jeanne Dawson Susan Griggs Jason Lin Karen Ostroff

Members Excused:

Sherry Brown Laura Dussault Lin Patty Diana Reeves