

Meeting of the State Advisory Committee on Gifted Education

Thursday, November 30, 2006 – 3:45 – 5:30 – West Bay Educational Collaborative*

Outcomes and Agenda/Minutes

Outcome Action/Decision Who? When? Comments

Welcome – Introductions

Introduce new members, visitors:

- Ken Swanson, Director of the Office of Special Populations, Rhode Island Department of Education**

Meeting Dates

Next Meeting date(s): January 25 [then March 22, May 24]

Report from RIDE

- Director's Report – expects support to continue for a coordination role out of the RIDE**
- Protocol for Approving Programs Statewide – pending RIDE regulations committee action**
- Status report: Basic Education Program and other regulations revision – “ “**
- Report from Regional Javits Grant Advisory Committee (Nashua, NH) - Vanna Donoyan – not able to attend**

Advice to the Commissioner Next steps:

- status: process of developing program review materials and formats**

- subcommittee – review final resource list – not yet available
- regulations/Basic Education Plan discussion – preliminary perspectives – next steps – committee recommendations – meeting participants proposed language that could be inserted into Title 16 – 7.1 of the RIGL to incorporate support for student learning beyond grade level into general education law – for presentation to the RIDE regulations review committee

New Business

PRESENTATION ON THE SmART SCHOOL PROJECT – schoolwide arts curriculum, research-based, enrichment, achievement gains
-presented by Cathy Davis-Hayes (who was recognized on Dec. 12th, 2006 as RI's Teacher of the Year!), art teacher and site coordinator of the SmART School Project at Oakland Beach School – the design elements include a professional learning community, an inclusive school community, school-community partnerships, daily arts instruction, and schoolwide arts integration into the curriculum; the project also incorporates multiple intelligences, Understanding by Design, brain-based learning, and critical friends' feedback
- for more information - <http://www.smartschoolsnetwork.org/>

Public Comment

Members Present:

Jeanne Dawson

Laura Dussault

Susan Griggs

Karen Ostroff

Lin Murray Patty

Jean Pettengill

Members Excused:

Sherry Brown

Vanna Donoyan

Jason Lin

Dianne McAulay