

APPROVED MINUTES

GESAC Meeting Date: May 8, 2023

AGENDA:

Zoom Meeting VIRTUAL
 Minutes Taken By: Shalelia Dillard

Topic	Notes
Members Present	Heather Savory, Wendy Niccoli, Kate Bachtel, Kristin Shapiro, Jennifer Rizzo, Shalelia Dillard, Rebecca McKinney, Michelle DuBois, Cecilia Quintanilla, Mark Hess, Natalie Brown, Jaci Durrie, Connolly Sherwood, Joi Lin, Becca Koster, Robin Greene, Marcy Palmer, Marissa Benson, Michael Scott
Members Absent	Michelle Barkemeyer, Cynthia Rundquist, Noelani Ramon, Kayla Steffens, https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScbPkndAjGmDlrwmpgDnuxCID3QZCTITtFqe4VXxwvTKgsnVQ/viewform
Committee Public Note Catcher	05.08.2023_GE-SAC MEETING NOTECATCHER.docx
Introductions and Welcome	Introductions: Share name, Congressional District and role Opening Question: would you rather go to the Beach or the mountains? Retreat: If you are 200 miles outside of Denver (Holiday Inn) travel will be reimbursed. If you leave before 4pm on Sunday, will provide dinner.
Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve minutes for February 6th made by Becca Koster and seconded by Wendy Niccoli motion passed. February 6, 2026 MINUTES GE-SAC
Last Meeting Review	Reviewing working of the bylaws and what exactly our role is in the committee. We do not have the ability to lobby.
Remarks- Rebecca McKinney CDE Gifted Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Long bill and finance act has been finalized, CAGT used lobbyists for Universal screening /Qualified Personnel Grant. The plan that we reviewed, was approved 1.59 additional increases every year, another ask for a data management system that was approved. CDE and AU leaders use to share information back and forth, have to submit a budget and monitoring process, system used to support and document statute and rule to make sure they are in compliance (Amwire) July 1st funding available. Next year, will build out a system and ask for feedback. Next school year will build out a system that will be aligned with needs in GT education. ● Will be revamped gifted 2E week- long course, CDE psy, BEhavior specialist and will have breakout sessions day, two Dr. Owens Admas 12 professional learning session. Have 20 spaces available, targeted towards educators. Course 1 and 2 will fill requirements for SPED hours for recertification. ● CDE will be updating Schoolview, has school data, and will be asking for feedback. Will be happening in the next couple of months. Needs to be ADA accessible and compliant and has all the data needed for usage. Would like parents feedback for easy usability

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shout out Michael and Terry, five year cycle of monitoring all AU, gifted education and SPED, 64 AU gets monitored every 5 years. Had a lot of amazing visits, and was able to do most in person. Getting great feedback from superintendents to support gifted education ● Universal due April 17th, and are reviewing applications now, able to provide more funding support for AU's. <p>Questions/Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - During Legislative cycle, bill proposed that has an impact on GT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A year ago, charter schools in SPED can create AU, changing the definition of an AU, can have charter schools create AU for SPED and GT. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - potential impact would mean they could apply for GT funding based on # of enrolled students - may be able to apply for the qualified personnel, universal screening grant - could apply for ½ point GT person for AUs - have to be able to prove that they can and AU - Dr. Paul Foster, state director of education that is an approved plan based on SPED requirements. - CDE has the authority to say yes or no. as of currently, has had a change. - CDE would monitor the new charter AU's as well (would have to follow all rules of an AU) - Another bill that was just proposed CO School Bill of Rights (written to say that a child could or not participate in Gifted education) did not pass. - Summer 2023 Call for Peer Reviewers Educator members talent team review, gifted education program will be up for review, looking for folks to review the program
<p>Topic: GE-SAC Bylaws</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thank team Jenn Rizzo, Jackie in looking at the bylaws ● Make sure bylaws were following rules ● Making sure that we are intentional with new members and have diverse representation <p>Article 1 Comments: No comments</p> <p>Article 2 Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Don't think they share active participation <p>Article 3 Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outline of membership placements (does the law outline membership details? Board has to approve CD designation. Member would have to finish out the academic year. Ex. If your child graduates, you are still a gifted parent. - Do we have a military rep now? (should be may instead of shall). Voted to change, approved, no opposed - Community members are not able to be co-chair.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - not actually required to be, composed of people who are actively participating in the school system. <p>Article 4 Comments: No comments</p> <p>Article 5 Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Changed subcommittee back to communications instead of outreach <p>Article 6 Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grammar on (Members of standing committees are appointed by the co-chairs of the committee and will participate in either the membership, communication, or legislative committee) - moved 6.05(a)1 has moved <p>Article 7 Comments (Meetings):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - July 1-June 30th, moved the retreat to July to make sure new members are present for the new year - did make note on what a quorum is (if there is not 51% members present, then we cannot vote) <p>Article 8 Comments (Reimbursement Procedures):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keeping 35 mi in bylaws, will be reimbursed for less than 2 miles for overnight stays. CDE will pay for any mileage at the current CDE rate per mile Sec 8.03a - section 8.02 - clarify 15 days after meeting, instead of “of” - airfare (may be cheaper to fly from destination) <p>Motion to approve updated minutes by Joi Lin, seconded by Cecelia Qunitanilla, none opposed, approved at 10:16am.</p> <p>Members who will be finishing term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mury Sutherland - Connelly Sherwood - Heather Savory- will be transitioning to Past co-chair
Remarks- State Board of Education	Not Present
Subcommittees	
Standing Committees –	<p>Discussion about Share-outs from Rebecca MicKinnely, CDE representative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Excited about the USQP full-funding plan and the new data platform work - complete peer review form ● Educator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GEM (Gifted education Monitoring) visits and possible action items to support bringing about change. Use data to support advocacy in community

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gifted endorsement- not listed in area, mishap will be changed on website ● Parent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enlightening information and learned alot from share-outs <p>Would like to create a statement of appreciation to the SBE, CAGT and CDE with all of the planning that was done.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have communication create appreciation letter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft letter for chairs - 2023 May - Legislative Thank you GE-SAC - If you would like to use the letter, make sure to change the GE-SAC information - Including the names of all members on the - Moved to approve the Legislative Thank you letter by Joi Lin, seconded by Jennifer Rizzo Hamilton, none opposed, approved May 8th, at - Membership roles and vacancies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How to share diverse information with the committee while being anonymous? - How do we pass the role over from membership chair to the next? - Defining roles Ex. retired educator and what role they - Sending out membership update forms that have questions if you are planning to leave before term is up, etc. - change website to highlight that membership is updated in August annually - Legislation- topics on legislation and how to quote accurately in the letter. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Notes on relevant Legislation Legislative notes for GESAC May 23 - 2023 Legislation
<p>Congressional Districts</p>	<p>Introductions and issues in CDs to share</p> <p>CD1 & CD2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - frustrated in the scale of CD, needs of schools and parents are very different - Instituted a note catcher and is very helpful - Nice working on the bylaws, helps to understand BOE, and membership and onboarding new people. Great to be well-informed. Understand all the bills - Interested in learning more about the legislation - frustrated with the lack of GT services and what giftedness means, great to be a part of a committee - more information about the legislative committee - interested in new perspectives and forming unity and here to learn! - How do we build a relationship with the new SBE member Dr. Stephen Varela? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - committee members will help with this - connecting with CAGT to come to conference - How do we make new members understand what advisory means? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - more information on the application and inviting prospective members <p>CD3 & CD4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -

	CD5, CD6, CD7, CD8: -
Partnership Reports	
BOCES	Supporting funding of Universal screening, bills on public funding for education and universal pre-k
CAEGTC	No updates
UCCS	Finishing up first cohort and and starting next cohort in the summer
CAGT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Celebration for what has been signed into the school finance budget act with support from CDE. Universal screening and 1.1 million increase, must be funded by 2028. Paula McGuire supported work. - Conference is 5 months away Oct. 8-10th conference proposal June 26th - Early bird is open in September with the cost of \$305 - Hotel block is limited at the hotel - Scholarships are open and will be open until Aug. 21st. - More information at coloradogifted.org - Youth Impact Award closes on June 10th. Make sure to capture information and require an essay. If you know k-12 student who has been positive impact on community - Other awards will be closing on the 21st of August. - Last years conference is open and may attend the virtual conference for free and can offer 23 CE credits. Can sign up for the conference and become a member to view. - Looking for student performers. Send Mark Hess the information
Gifted Education Coalition	N/A
University Updates	<p>UNC- Dr. Amy Graefe wanted to share with you and anyone you know who maybe interested: UNC is recruiting for their fall cohorts (Graduate Certificate, Core Endorsement, M.A. with Specialist Endorsement) and have an upcoming informational meeting on Monday, May 15, at 4:00</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Link to Flyer: ● Registration Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gNqI7MkPV7kMpCiSh-eeofUZuceNdgPh/view?usp=share_link ● https://extended.unco.edu/programs/special-education-gifted-

	masters-endorsement-certificate/ DU- No current updates
Gifted and Talented Leaders of Color and Allies	no updates
Subcommittee Breakout Work	
Open Comment time	No open comments
Upcoming Meetings	Retreat July 17th and 18th, 2023 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Retreat Location: Community First Foundation 5855 Wadsworth Bypass, Unit A Arvada, CO 80003
Adjournment	Motion to adjourn made by Kristin Shapiro; seconded by Rebecca McKinney. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.