

Gifted and Talented Task Force Meeting

June 10, 2020

Members Present (alphabetically):

Nancy Bryant, GT Mentorship Specialist

Joseph Cahill, GT Curriculum Integration Coordinator

Pippa Day, Elementary Counselor

Jigisha Doshi, Parent Representative

Michael Fernandez, High School GT Student

Ida Ford, Executive Director of Elementary Schools

Angie Hanan, Parent Representative

Michael Hejducek, Middle School Principal

Deena Hill, Executive Director of Student Support Services

Aisha Holmes, GT Program Manager, Secondary

Kamilah Holmes, GT Academy Coordinator

Cathy Hunter, Parent Representative

Eshram Khade, High School GT Student

Shweta Khade, Elementary Assistant Principal

Lisa Langston, Elementary Principal

Orjanel Lewis, Community Stakeholder

Tammy Marino, Parent Representative

Glenys Mc Mennamy, High School ELA Teacher

Carlete Meytoyer, Coordinator, Counselor

Makhi Moore, High School GT Student

Jeff Post, Middle School Principal

Rizvan Quadri, High School Principal

Ashli Taylor, High School Assistant Principal

Pilar Westbrook, Executive Director of SEL and Comprehensive Health

Laurie Westphal, Director of Gifted and Talented

Crystal Wilson, GT Program Manager, Elementary

Also in Attendance:

Beth Martinez, Chief Academic Officer

Members not in Attendance

John Aven, Parent Representative

Irvin Casey-Hayford, High School Counselor

Lisa Coston, Literacy Director

Kate Faulkner, Intervention and Enrichment Coordinator

Pasha Goodman, Assistant Director of Leadership Development

Matthew Hill, High School GT Student

Sai Kurelli, High School GT Student

Jennifer Nichols, Executive Director of Secondary

Samiah Thomas, Middle School Math Teacher

Call to Order: Dr. Laurie Westphal, 2:30 pm**Agenda and Notes****Item 1: Welcome**

Agenda review of subcommittee tasks and pacing

Item 2: Subcommittee Reports and Feedback Requests

Acceleration, Angie Hanan: Reached out to area districts who use acceleration to gain information; what do we like/not like; developing definition of acceleration in FBISD.

Communications, Tammy Marino: Three additional meetings, GT website – looking at revisions; 5 pages have been revised. Submitting the landing page and summer testing page; added CogAT link and newsletter editorial calendar. Still working on the format; researched FLOW for communications going forward.

Curriculum, Joe Cahill: focus on innovation hour and how to roll out consistent PD for teachers and administrators; pilot schools identified; how TPSP is going to work this year, as well as blueprints for better communication. Flex – reaching out to surrounding districts for exemplar programs to consider.

Service Design, Aisha Holmes: met with committee principals and gained feedback for task maps. Based on feedback, moving forward with differentiated Pre-AP & AP/GT courses; moving innovation course to 2021-2022 based on timeline for course approval. Progression chart for the

next 3 years mapped out; research of different service models from districts currently implementing; revised task map based on principal feedback. Requesting feedback from the group on Revised Task Map.

Student ID/Program Expansion, Crystal Wilson: working on historical data to inform the committee on Vistas talent pool; GT Learning Plan communication; selecting sample campuses for the GT Learning Plan Pilot/data resource; What was missing in the communication to parents? Preliminary brochure for feedback today.

Item 3: Subcommittee Work/Feedback – Breakout sessions/shared document

Item 4: Future Planning

Acceleration, Angie Hanan: Look at feedback; look at narrowing all of the types of acceleration FBISD could focus on and potentially pilot

Communication, Tammy Marino; Look at feedback; continue to work through website revisions; discuss newsletter changes; develop communications flow.

Curriculum, Joe Cahill; review feedback; share and work on definitions for flexible pacing and flexible grouping.

Service Design, Aisha Holmes: Review feedback; begin discussing various service models; develop definition of differentiation

Program Enhancement, Crystal Wilson: Review feedback; continue designing Learning Plan parent information piece of the communication.

Laurie Westphal: Review of upcoming dates; available on Schoology and Task Force website page

Deena Hill: Address of chat regarding the feedback before the next subcommittee meeting; will be shared with subcommittees prior to next meetings to process the feedback and come with questions/comments.

Reminder: Board Meeting on Monday, June 14 and presentation of GT programming.

Thanks for the work being completed outside of the Task Force general meetings and invitation to reach out with additional ideas.

End time: 4:01 p.m.

Next meeting: July 15, 2020, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. via Zoom.