

MINUTES
High Ability Task Force Meeting
Monday, January 14, 2008

Present: Lily Albright, Alex Audretsch, Joanne Audretsch, Margaret Baechtold, Janice Bizzari, Linda Black, Hannah Bleecker, Rebecca Cambridge, Whitney Coake, Lana Cummings, Allan Edmonds, Sharon Finley, Kate Galvin, Mark Helmsing, Nancy Hill, Adrien Himm, , Donna Kinkead, , Melissa Lewis, Mary Lovejoy, , Nancy Martin, Andrea Mobley, Greg Mongold, Kari Rickerby, Mary Alice Rickert, Jean Schick, Elena Veach, Kim Williams, Kristin Wintin, and Monica Zerfas.

Absent: Don Adams, Tanja Bisesi, Joe Doyle, Kareston Hall, Diane Hanks, Shelly Hatfield, Ann Huntoon, Cheryl Lewandowski, Cassie Lukens, Pat Marvin, Jodi Moon, Heather Rhodes, and Sue Wanzer.

1. **Approval of November Minutes**-Margaret Baechtold moved to approve, Joanne Audretsch seconded and minutes were unanimously approved.
2. **Coordinator's Report-**
 - a. **Elementary School**-two students were placed at semester in the fourth grade ALPS class at University School; enrollment update, 30 students.
 - b. **Middle School-**
 - i. Middle School ALPS Identification Process for 2008-2009 is in progress. Ninety-five letters were sent to the initial identification pool of current sixth grade students; 120 or above CSI and 92 percentile or above on Fall NWEA Reading or Language Arts subtests.
 - ii. Parent Information Meeting for the Middle School ALPS Program, Jackson Creek Middle School, January 22 at 6:30.
 - iii. Three students were placed at semester; one at each middle school.
 - c. **High School-**
 - i. Guest speaker, Felicia Dixon, on the "Emotional and Social Needs of High Ability Adolescents" Thursday, January 31 at 6:30 P.M. at the Bloomington High School North library.
 - ii. High school counselor attending IDOE workshop "Meeting the Social and Emotional Needs of Students with High Abilities" on February 29.
 - d. **Other Business-**
 - i. Indiana Association for the Gifted (IAG) annual state conference, February 11 and 12. Sixteen people from the MCCSC attending one or both days; two from central office, three building administrators; 13 teachers, and two parents.
 - ii. Guest Presenter, Tracy Cross on Thursday, March 27 at 5:30 in room 105.

- iii. Many new resources are now available in HA Office; checkout through Kim.
- 3. **Program Design**-Kim Williams presented an overview of high ability program design models and options.
- 4. **Sub-Committee Reports**- the elementary, middle school, and high school high ability task force sub-committees shared the work that they completed at their meetings.

Next meeting: Monday, February 4, 2008 at 5:00, in Room 105