

MINUTES
High Ability Task Force Meeting
Monday, February 19, 2018

Present: Lily Albright, Janice Bizzari, Jamie Burkhart, Mary D-Eliso, Clara Garcia-Aguerrevere, Alexis Harmon, Maggie Henderson, Cory Irwin, Donna Kinkead, Liesl Loudermilk, Adriana Madiol, Rob Moore, Gretchen Morgan, Deb Prenkert, Natasha Roe, Michelle Terrell, Kim Williams, and Markay Winston.

Absent: Joanne Audretsch, Martha Bowman, Katie Clarke, Myra Farmer, Craig Fisher, Laura Fletcher, Molly Giddens, Julius Hanks, Cheryl Lewandowski, Nancy Martin, Michi McClaine, Stephanie Montgomery, and Matt Stanley.

1. Introductions-welcomed guests

2. Coordinator's Report:

A. Kindergarten Cognitive Assessment

- We administered the group battery CogAT screener to all MCCSC kindergarten students February 5-16.
- The Instructional Coaches scored the assessments. Students at the 85% and higher will take the full battery CogAT April 2-13, 2018.

B. Middle School ALPS

- The first "round" of middle school high ability identification totally based on In View and NWEA scores was completed in late January; 118 ALPS, 42 ELA. Notification letters were mailed 1/27/18. Applications for "appeals", students who were recommended for HA ELA only or want to apply were due February 9, 2018. Math is a separate ID process that takes place in May.

3. Aligning University School IB and the Elementary ALPS Program-Ms. D'Eliso, Ms. Loudermilk, and Dr. Morgan

- Ms. D'Eliso discussed IB concerns, items to be addressed for accreditation. More inclusiveness between ALPS program and regular classrooms is needed.
- Ms. Loudermilk shared examples of changes to daily schedule to create more inclusiveness among intermediate classes.
- Dr. Morgan and Dr. Winston shared MCCSC review of transportation of ALPS students and their daily schedule.
- We will create an action plan to obtain IB accreditation at University School while maintaining the integrity of the elementary ALPS program.