



Gifted & Talented Advisory Committee

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Welcome!

- Sign-in located in the calendar invite

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Approved by _____

Approval date _____

Fill out a timecard at your school or at the District Office with the following information.

Location: Your school

Department: Curriculum and Instruction

Function: GT Advisory







Timecards should be sent to Angela Schultz.

***Do not have your principal sign.**

Please contact Chad Libby with any questions.

Agenda

- Welcome/Introductions
- Norms
- Mission
- UDV and Goals
- Gifted & Talented Mission
- Elementary Update
- Middle School Update
- Subcommittee Update
- West Suburban Summer School
- Looking Ahead
- Contact Information

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S		<input type="checkbox"/> Members will greet each other when signing in <input type="checkbox"/> Members are able to ask questions using the chat feature <input type="checkbox"/> Members will reach out to the Carla, Chad or GT Specialist(s) with additional questions

Welcome

Purpose:

To engage stakeholders in an advisory capacity to support Gifted Education in Robbinsdale Area Schools.

Norms:

- Presume positive intentions
- Maintain openness
- Expect and accept non-closure

Mission

The mission of Robbinsdale Area of Schools is to inspire and educate all learners to develop their unique potential and positively contribute to their community.

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Unified District Vision

Robbinsdale Area Schools is committed to ensuring every student graduates career, articulated skilled trades and college ready. We believe each student has limitless possibilities and we strive to ignite the potential in every student. We expect high intellectual performance from all our students. We are committed to ensuring an equitable and respectful educational experience for every student, family and staff member.

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Unified District Vision Goals

- *Implement policies and practices that open pathways to Academic Excellence for ALL students*
- Utilize culturally responsive teaching and personalized learning for ALL students
- *Engage family and community members as partners*
- *Engage and empower students by amplifying student voice*

Gifted and Talented Education Mission Statement

The mission of Gifted and Talented Education is to integrate specialized programs, services and differentiated instruction so that all learners reach their full potential.

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Elementary Programming Update

- Elementary GT Specialists are providing services during building identified WIN time through a residency model
 - GT Specialists are rotating through buildings (10-12 day cycle) while providing in-person instruction/support

	Jenni	Jolene
Rotation 1: February 10-25 (10 days)	Zachary Lane	Sonnesyn
Rotation 2: February 26-March 11 (10 days)	Neill	Meadow Lake

- Outside of the 10-12 day cycle GT Specialists are meeting with students virtually to provide instruction/support

Elementary Programming Update

- Elementary GT Communication
- **Aspire to Do**
 - 4th Grade
 - 5th Grade
- Working to support students through the building MTSS process (Academic and Social-Emotional Support)

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Middle School Programming Update

- Continue with Schoolwide Enrichment Model (Genius Hour)
 - Proposed for Wednesdays
- Push-in to classrooms to support and extend learning
 - Collaborate with teachers to design differentiated activities
- Learning Extensions
 - Book Clubs/Math Groups
- Working to support students through the building MTSS process (Academic and Social-Emotional Support)

Subcommittee Update

- Met on February 16
 - Looked back at original plan for 2020-2021 school year
 - Reviewed Three Gifted Education Paradigms
 - Read through pg. 3 of Call to Action
 - Examined and Reflected on GT Data
 - Ethnicity breakdown
 - SPED breakdown
 - EL breakdown
 - Free/Reduced breakdown
 - Shared what a few other districts around us are doing (Anoka, Osseo and Minneapolis)

West Suburban Summer School

- Registration is currently open for member districts
- Open to all students who demonstrate an intense interest/passion about a topic, and are comfortable moving at a faster pace or pursuing a topic in depth
- Elementary and Middle GT Specialists pushed this info out
- District will also be pushing this information out to families with students in grades 1-11
 - Invitation for Member Districts
 - Financial Assistance Application

Looking Ahead

- Reimagining GT
 - Schedule Next Subcommittee Meeting
- Next Advisory Meeting - Tuesday, April 13 (5:30-6:45)
 - 2021-2022 Plan
 - Young Scholars
 - Elementary WIN Time
 - Implementation Plan for Middle School AAC

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Excellence is Our Standard

At Robbinsdale Area Schools, we are dedicated to
Academic Excellence for *ALL* Students!



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