

## USOE GT Coordinator Meeting

April 16, 2014

USOE – (9:30am – noon)

### Meeting Notes

#### Agenda Items

1. Hot Topics ( 10 minutes) –  
There were no hot topics discussed at this meeting.
2. Discussion and evaluation of Hess Workshop  
Moya Kessig, USOE, reviewed the evaluation data on the Karin Hess Workshop and shared the written comments. Everyone felt this was an excellent workshop.
3. Hess Workshop Follow-up  
Each coordinator has been requested to take time and reflect on how the Hess Workshop will support teachers in designing instruction that provides high ability students with more opportunities to do rigorous work. Each participating district has been asked to design a training based on the Cognitive Rigor Matrix. The training design must be submitted to Moya Kessig, USOE, on or before June 30<sup>th</sup>.
4. Discuss Snapshot Survey of Gifted Programming Effectiveness Factors  
We reviewed the survey and discussed possible ways it could be used on a school and district level.  
Sheri Sorensen, Granite District, suggested that each district fill out the survey and bring it to the September meeting. The coordinators will identify common items from the survey and the meetings for the 2014-15 year will be organized around the common themes.
5. Book Study Protocol chapters 7,8 & 9  
Coordinators worked in pairs and then shared with the group information that they viewed as relevant and important to their work.
6. UAGC Update  
Sheri Suave, Davis District, encouraged coordinators to register for the conference in June. Conference registration is on the UAGC website: <http://uagc.org/>.
7. Legislative Session Update  
Moya Kessig, USOE, reviewed the following legislation:
  - HB 23 Suicide Prevention
  - HB 96 Utah School Readiness Initiative
  - HB 150 S4STEM Amendments
  - SB 38 S1 now College Concurrent Education Program



## SB 43 Intergenerational Poverty Interventions in Public School

There is a legislative summary of all the bills that passed, on the USOE website: <http://www.schools.utah.gov/law/Legislative-Session.aspx>

There was a discussion about SB 122 S2 Parental Rights in Public Education. Moya Kessig, USOE, will seek clarification from Carol Lear, School Law and Legislation, about the implication of the legislation on Gifted and Talented programs. The response from Carol Lear will be emailed to coordinators.

### 8. Opting-out of state testing

Coordinators received a copy of the Opting-Out of State Testing statement that was sent to all LEAs on April 7, 2014. Parents may think they can opt-out of GT identification testing.

### 9. Estimated GT allocation 2014-15

Moya Kessig, USOE, reviewed the total budget for the Enrichment for Accelerated Students. The funding has four unique programs included in the allocation:

- a. AP Exams passed with a +3,
- b. \$100,000 for AP fee waivers,
- c. \$100,000 for IB exams passed with a +4, and
- d. GT program K-12

### 10. UCA for 2015

The UCA will ask for SAGE assessment data to be included for the 2014-15 year. The UCA format will remain the same. There was concern that LEAs will not have the SAGE assessment data in time for the UCA application deadline.

### 11. Book Study Protocol chapters 10, 11&12

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### 12. SAGE Information

A brochure about the SAGE Assessment System was included in the coordinators packet. SAGE information can be found on the USOE website:  
<http://www.schools.utah.gov/assessment/>

### 13. Book for next year

After a discussion the group decided on the following book "When Gifted Kids Don't Have All the Answers" by Jim Delisle and Judy Galbraith. Moya Kessig will give out the books at the June conference or coordinators can stop by USOE and pick up a book. There will be an email sent when the books arrive.

### 14. Primary grade math resources

Gina Mason, Park City, shared a great primary grade resource for math and science. The program is AIMS: <http://www.aimsedu.org/>

### 15. Additional items

There were no additional items.

**Next year's meeting schedule:**

September 24, 2014	Davis School District	9:30am- noon
December 3, 2014	Granite School District	9:30am –noon
February 11, 2015	Jordan School District	9:30am-noon
April 8, 2015	Canyons School District	9:30am- noon