USOE Gifted and Talented Meeting

Date: May 9, 2012

Place: Alpine School District

Professional Development Center, Room 220

575 North 100 East

American Fork, Utah 84003

Time: 9:30 am – Noon

College & Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Speaking and Listening

- Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

Agenda Items:

1. Hot topics
    - Discussion on how magnet classes are staffed and what is the average class size for next year.
    - Barbara Langford, Alpine District, explained how students were identified for the courses.
    - Moya Kessig, USOE, explained changes with SBAC.

2. Summer Seminar—Update
    - Reminder to register for the summer seminar. Registrations not taken by districts will be distributed to other districts who wish to bring more participants.

3. Utah Core State Standards PowerPoint
    - Small group discussion about how to meet high-ability student needs and how to differentiate the Utah Core Standards.
    - GT coordinators were asked to reflect and review their district's policies and procedures for acceleration and differentiation for high-ability students.

4. Book study
    - Participants had an opportunity to differentiate a Language Arts Core lesson. There was discussion about appropriate learning tasks for high-ability learners.

5. Summary of Data – 2012
    - Moya Kessig, USOE, presented data based on this year's UCA application. Summary of the data:
        - Number of districts making application: 38
        - Number of charter schools making application: 63
        - Number of students identified: 73,384
        - 91% of the identified accelerated students are meeting the performance criteria.

6. Miscellaneous
    - Michele Riggs, HASIP, gave each coordinator a data stick with information that is on the High-Ability Student Initiative webpage. The HASIP program ends June 30, 2012. Thanks Michele Riggs for all your hard work. Thanks to all the coaches and participants.
    - UAGE Families: Sheri Sorensen, Granite District, discussed UAGC's Families initiative. The family initiative seeks to build connections and support for families across the state. For more information go to www.uagc.org.
7. Next Year
    a. Book Study – There were several books suggested, and the choice will be based on budgets.
    b. Meetings will be held on Wednesdays, 9:30 am – noon.
    c. Topics

- Discussion of GT scope and sequence
- Middle school program

If you have additional topics, please email Moya Kessig, USOE at moya.kessig@schools.utah.gov

Thank you Alpine District for hosting our meeting.