

Skokie, Illinois

Regular Board Meeting – November 15, 2011

SUBJECT: GIFTED AND TALENTED LEARNING TEAM UPDATE

As part of our curriculum review cycle, it is time to study our gifted and talented philosophy, instructional approaches, and identification practices. To that end, a Gifted and Talented Learning Team (GTLT), which is similar in composition and responsibility to the K-5 Mathematics Learning Team of last year, will be formed as the initial component of the revision process.

Members will consist of building and central office administration, all gifted education teachers, a representative sample of regular education staff, as well as up to two representatives from the Board of Education and parents within the community representing each of our schools.

The GTLT will meet over several months to study our current practices, read and analyze current research on best practices in this area, and develop recommendations for a District 68 Gifted and Talented Implementation Team concerning the future direction of the program. Once the Board of Education reviews the recommendations of the Gifted Learning Team, the District GTLT Implementation Team would then be responsible for constructing a revised curriculum scope and sequence, identification protocols, and related assessments.

We have hired Dr. Michelle Kane to help guide our Learning Team. Dr. Kane is an Associate Professor of Education at Northeastern Illinois University.

The GTLT will be formed in January, 2012, and will meet six evenings from January through April. The committee will meet from 5:15-7:15 p.m. on:

- January 10
- January 24
- February 14
- February 28
- March 13
- April 10