

Greater Dane County  
**Advanced Learner  
Network**



**Friday March 6, 2020**

**Eagle School**

**5454 Gunflint Trail Madison** -Park on the west side of school, the original parking lot (one without the flagpole)

8:00 – 8:25am

**WELCOME, NETWORKING**

Please pick up the following items at the back table:  
Name Tag and Treasurer’s Report

8:25 – 8:30am

**Welcome and Introductions:** Amy Miller

- Introductions
- Confirm May Meeting date and location
  - **Friday May 1st @ Mount Horeb High School- 305 South 8th Street**

8:30 - 9:15am

**Professional Development Session:** Mark Schwingle, Education Consultant - Gifted/Talented, Advanced Placement, and International Baccalaureate: DPI Teaching and Learning Team

Link to the presentation: [Javits- TOPS Presentation GDCALN 3.6.2020](#)

Link to video recording of presentation:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mJQ1zX2SPMU&feature=youtu.be>

The learning session will be an overview of the TOPS screening tool. The Teacher’s Observation of Potential in Students (TOPS) is a tool to help you recognize children (ages 5-9) with outstanding potential who may be gifted. The TOPS is designed to be the teacher observation component of a comprehensive approach to recognizing students with outstanding potential. The group will get hands on practice in using the tool through use of video.

**PD Session Learning Target:** To leave this professional development learning session with practice and better understanding of how the TOPS tool can support identification in underrepresented populations.

- To order U-STARS~PLUS TOPS Folder (with Guide) - see [https://imis.cec.sped.org/CEC\\_PROD/ItemDetail?iProductCode=P6049&Category=HANDOUT&WebsiteKey=269141f1-45d0-49b9-9769-40de3a48419c](https://imis.cec.sped.org/CEC_PROD/ItemDetail?iProductCode=P6049&Category=HANDOUT&WebsiteKey=269141f1-45d0-49b9-9769-40de3a48419c)

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- USTARS/ TOPS
  - leads to more testing - not a true identification tool, but a conversation starter
  - Teacher’s Observation of Potential in Students aka TOPS
    - how do we start switching our mindset from deficit to strength mindset
    - at risk vs. at potential
  - Could use at recess or phy.ed, etc...
  - think of kids as half full- how can we redirect that (questioning teachers/leadership/perseverance) behavior in a more desirable way
  - could use tool to talk with colleagues about-even if we don’t use this tool as directed.
  - wait a month or so into school and observe whole class
  - Tips
    - take turns teaching so the teacher can observe
    - recommends the teacher makes observation
    - use folders to collect artifacts and use at parent teacher conferences does it match what you see?
  - 74% felt they could more readily recognize high-potential students from culturally or linguistically different and economically disadvantaged families after using TOPS
  - group work/ inquiry based tasks for observation
    - do not observe during a lecture
    - get kids talking and showing work
  - Can be done at any level not just ages 5-9

9:15- 9:25 am

**BREAK**

9:25 - 9:45am

**Updates from DPI Gifted & Talented and International Baccalaureate Programs - Mark Schwingle, Education Consultant - Gifted/Talented, Advanced Placement, and International Baccalaureate: DPI Teaching and Learning Team**

- Info. on Scholarships and other information <https://dpi.wi.gov/gifted>
- Competitive Grant Inventory <https://dpi.wi.gov/sms/competitive-grant-inventory>
  - April 1st for Public School Districts Gifted and Talented Students Education Program Grant (6 week window to apply)
  - June 30th final decision (goal may be later)
- Review of standards information: <https://dpi.wi.gov/standards>
- IMPL aka Instructional Materials and Professional Development-
  - High Quality Instructional Materials (many are not using grade appropriate instructional materials often below grade level): <https://dpi.wi.gov/standards>
- DPI working on working together across subject areas

- focus on parent engagement
- focus on equity
- Advanced Placement
  - what is working to increase access and success
  - get more kids in the door - changing mindsets
- International Baccalaureate Program <https://ibo.org/> (find an ib school)
  - 4 different programs
    - primary, middle, diploma, career
  - Meeting: mix of private and public schools
  - exams like AP program with capstone
  - benefits high quality education, PD for educators, goal internationally minded people
    - environmental component
    - courses done slightly differently
    - individuals in society= social studies plus
  - CAS- creativity, activity, and service component
  - 3 tracks IBO, AP, and traditional course work
  - IBO
  - If interested contact Mark Schwingle
    - Mark.Schwingle@dpi.wi.gov
- Youth Art Month (March)

9:45 - 9:55am

**Professional Development Review/Planning-** Lucia Rowley & Jane McMahon

Bring calendars next time to set date for one

- GDCALN [Book Study](#) Update - Laura Borsechnik
  - How to increase diversity into gifted education
  - Next book study discussion April 16th

9:55 – 10:10am

**[Secretary Report](#)** - Krissy Killerlain

Janell Dorn made motion to approve

Dawn Peters seconded

All in favor

**Treasurer Report** - Kristy Champion

To be approved in May meeting

10:10- 10:35am

**Student Program Information & Function Group** – updates

- [College Matters](#)- Sharon Daly
- [Fine Arts Weekend](#)- Mary Kennedy
  - email will be coming out soon- watch for this
  - register in April for Sept. event
- [Haiku](#) - Andy Wright
  - 3,033 from 15 different schools
  - April 27th Haiku celebration ceremony
  - If interested in helping or taking over Haiku contact Andy Wright at Eagle at [andy@eagleschool.org](mailto:andy@eagleschool.org)
- [Math 24](#)- Kristy Champion
  - Parking available on north side of Camp Randall
  - Make sure you bring one proctor for each team
  - Still need a few facilitators
  - No parents please will have to stay in lobby - not enough room
  - Christine Parmely is looking for 2 other 8th graders to play with Mt. Horeb teacher

- [Math Meet](#)-Mary Kennedy
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- **Sunshine** - Sharon Daly
- [Yahara](#)- Ruth Frawley & Krissy Killerlain
  - Winners announced 3/5/2020 via email
  - Please check names by 3/13/2020 and reply to email

10:35-10:50am

**Organization Updates:**

- [WCATY](#) -Olha Skyba & Katie Efferenz
  - GEM (1st-4th grade) some spaces still available in 1st grade
  - PACE 5th-8th grade July 13th -17th - 4 are full out of 9 classes
  - Residential programs- all
    - TEP program- allowing 6th graders in if wanted to get into YSSP program
    - Summer Music Clinic
- [Center for Advanced Academics](#)- Rebecca Vonesch
- UW Whitewater - Scott Peters/Pam Clinkenbeard
  - Pam is retiring from UW Whitewater in May
  - Online Cohort- starting in fall if enough people sign-up
  - Ask your district if they will pay for courses or partial courses
  - 3 courses for a total of 9 credits all online -graduate only
  - starts in summer
  - Need 15 people
  - Register by June 15th
- [WATG](#) and [NAGC](#) updates- Maria Katsaros- Molzahn/Pam Clinkenbeard/Kitty Ver Kuielen
  - NAGC- at Disney World
  - Talk to congress person about federal budget
  - May 1st- Eau Claire, Milwaukee Area, WI Dells- special event to talk about gifted
  - Study Committees - pushing for talent development study committee
  - [WATG](#)-local conference this year on a Monday and Tuesday in Oct.
    - Sunday Teen and Parent conference
    - Monday and Tuesday- Hands On Minds On
      - student logo contest due April 1st

- submit a proposal for a break-out session due April 15th
- 2 full days of learning for less money

10:50am

**New Business:**

- GALIN Education [flyer](https://galined.com/) and website <https://galined.com/>
- [GDCALN Year at a Glance](#) - Please review this for the next meeting
  - What do you need to know? What can we do to help? What else would be beneficial?
  - Revisit in May meeting
- Elections for 2020-21 at May Meeting
- Please share summer program options with the whole group
- Hosting Math Meet - please email person in charge

10:41am

**Motion to Adjourn**

Laura Borsenik made motion to adjourn

Lucia Rowley seconded

10:41am

**New Coordinator Q & A**

**Next Meeting: Friday May 1st @ Mount Horeb High School 305 S 8th St, Mt Horeb**