

**Greater Dane County Advanced Learner Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday January 29, 2015**

**Fitchburg Public Library, 5530 Lacy Road Fitchburg WI 53711**

8:30 – 8:40 Welcome- President Laura Borsenik

* Foreshadowing a small change in meeting structure
  + President Laura Borsecnik welcomed the group and shared an idea to shorten the business meeting and add that time to the Professional Development portion of the meeting.
* Parent University
  + Kitty VerKuilen and Amy Miller met to begin planning a Parent University for GDCALN
  + Some of the potential topic ideas are: Growth Mindset, Underachievement, Executive Function Challenges/ADD, Mental Health Challenges, Overexcitabilities, Summer Options for Gifted Learners, Advocating for your child, Identification, SENG, Mindfulness
  + Kathy Enstad volunteered to join the planning committee
  + Looking at April date during the week for event – 2-2.5 hours at night; parents could choose two sessions – one from each hour

8:40 – 8:50 Math Meet, Yahara and Math 24 Updates

Math Meet <http://www.gdcaln.org/math-meet/>

* Trophies and Ribbons for Math Meets were distributed at the meeting
* Dates for Regional Meets are:

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| **Region** | **Host** | **5/6** | **7/8** |
| Archimedes | Lake Mills | Th 3/26 | T 3/24 |
| Curie | Pecatonica | ? | ? |
| Escher | Beloit | M 4/20 | W 4/22 |
| Mitchell | Verona | Th 4/23 | W 4/22 |
| Newton | Waunakee | ​Th 3/19​ | Th ​3/19​ |
| Pascal | Lodi | ​Tu ​  4/14 | ​Th ​  4/9 |

Math 24- (Math 24 flyer emailed with minutes- also emailed out to the group by Rebecca Vonesch)

* North - Wednesday, March 4, 2015 | South - Thursday, March 12, 2015
* <http://www.gdcaln.org/math-24/>
* Register for Activities At: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/math24meet>

Yahara River Writers- <http://www.gdcaln.org/yahara/>

* Entries were due at the beginning of the meeting. Judging copies were collected and distributed
* Yahara River Writers Top 10 Workshop and Awards Ceremony

Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at Union South @ UW

1308 West Dayton Street, Madison

Varsity Hall on the 2nd Floor

8:50 – 9:40 Chrystna Mursky- Badger Exam for grades 3-8 and Educator Effectiveness

* Updates from the National Scene - handout from National Center for Research on Gifted Education and the S.512 Talent Act
  + The University of Connecticut, University of Virginia, Florida State University, and University of California-Berkeley are collaborating with the United States Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences to implement a national study of gifted programs and services. With funding from the Jacob K. Javits Gifted and Talented Students Education Act, the research study focuses on identifying gifted and talented programs that are successful in providing high quality services to students who are typically underserved (i.e., African American, Hispanic or Latino, and Native American), students from economically challenged communities, and students from small town or rural communities We are seeking your assistance in the first stage of the project’s work.

(<https://uconn.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bOYKaqke7UxIf2t>)<<https://uconn.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bOYKaqke7UxIf2t>> to complete a school survey (designed for teachers of the gifted in Grades PK-5 or school principals)

([https://uconn.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\_1yR1xBIjY0wdXy5&Q\_JFE=0)<](https://uconn.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_1yR1xBIjY0wdXy5&Q_JFE=0)%3c) https://jfe.qu altrics.com/form/SV\_1yR1xBIjY0wdXy5> to complete a district survey (designed for a district gifted coordinator)

* S.512- TALENT Act- Handout update is attached
* Smarter BalancedAssessment is named Badger Exam.
  + Exam is for students in grades 3-8 -<http://oea.dpi.wi.gov/assessment/Smarter>
  + It is a criterion referenced test - Exam is not nationally normed
  + Testing window for Wisconsin is March 30-May 22
  + Evaluates where students are in their learning progress compared to CCSS.
  + It is part of a balanced assessment system that included formative assessment, summative assessments and interim assessments
  + Students will be assessed on ELA Literacy and Math during the last 12 weeks of the school year
  + Test is computer adaptive- When students demonstrate they have or have not met level 3 achievement after completing 65% of the grade level items. The pool of questions then expands to include items that provide evidence for the targeted content. Students will move to beyond grade level questions if there are questions available for that specific standard
  + Test includes performance tasks
  + It is a summative exam- not diagnostic in nature
  + WCKE is a “Bell Curve” (grade level test with a ceiling) the Badger is a “rectangle” as it is computer adaptive so it will allow advanced students to see questions in the grade above if they answer questions correctly
  + recommended to use external keyboards and will need ear buds for listening sections
  + Practice tests are available- practice assessments are designed to train students to use the tools available within the assessment
  + <http://oea.dpi.wi.gov/assessment/Smarter/sampleitems>
  + <http://oea.dpi.wi.gov/assessment/Smarter/resources>
* Educator Effectiveness
  + When creating SLO’s- the emphasis is on bringing the bottom up to proficiency. We need to focus on growth at the top. Advanced Learners should be expected to grow 1.5 years in a year
  + A Google spreadsheet link was emailed to the group to share SLO’s

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1GfNQX8PQDk1swDjcg9kwb3CfIgKhnl5VB9WMwt9BOso/edit?usp=sharing>

**PLEASE ADD YOUR SLO’s for ADVANCED LEARNERS TO THE DOCUMENT LINK ABOVE**

9:40 – 9:55 ***BREAK***

9:55 – 10:30 Lucia Rowley

* **NAGC Baltimore Conference Overview- sharing** was **moved to the March Meeting**

10:30 – 10:35 Organization Updates:

* **UW MADISON & WCATY**
  + College for Kids - <http://eop.education.wisc.edu/eop/precollege/CFK/> -
  + College for Kids 2 <http://eop.education.wisc.edu/eop/precollege/cfk2>
  + Technology and the Arts <http://eop.education.wisc.edu/eop/precollege/technology-arts>
  + Movin’ Minds <http://eop.education.wisc.edu/eop/precollege/mm>
  + WCATY Spring and Summer options <https://aba.wcatyweb.org/nuregunit.php>

10:35 – 11:00 Scott Peters – UW Whitewater (Flyer attached regarding Cohort Opportunity)

GIFTED & TALENTED CERTIFICATION OPPORTUNITY

A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT BETWEEN THE GREATER DANE COUNTY ADVANCED LEARNERS’ NETWORK, UW-WHITEWATER & UW-STEVENS POINT

**Cohort Requirements**

1. Cost will be approximately $955 per three-credit class for a total of approximately $3820 for the entire program\*

2. \*These costs include a 25% discount from standard tuition rates and are based on a cohort enrollment of at least 15 students for each class

3. Courses will be taught on a schedule and format that works best for GDCALN



11:10 – 11:30 **BUSINESS MEETING**

* Call to Order
* Minutes – Amy Miller
  + reviewed meeting minutes from November 19th
  + Motion to approve - Sharon Daly, 2nd Kitty VerKuilen approved
* Treasurer’s Report – Kristy Champion
  + Checking: 9,241.47 Savings: 6,092.46 Total: 15,333.93
  + Motion to approve- Kitty VerKuilen, 2nd Lucia Rowley, approved

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

* GDC Professional Development – Lucia Rowley
  + Sue Schaar will be presenting at our March Meeting- Presentation will focus on Anxiety and Perfectionism
  + Other PD topics requested by the group

1. Identification
2. Documentation
3. Data Interpretation

FUNCTION GROUPS

* Sunshine – Sharon Daly
  + No cards sent out so far this year
  + No requests from group
  + Please email Sharon if you need a card to be sent out to someone
* Student Services PD planning – Amy Miller
  + Move to 2015-16 school year

STUDENT PROGRAM GROUPS - Yahara, Math Meet & Math 24 information shared in general meeting

* Yahara River Writers
* Math 24
* Haiku- Entries due February 1st <http://www.gdcaln.org/haiku/>
* Math Meet

NEW BUSINESS

* None

Adjorn \_ 11:32 am

Minutes Respectfully Submitted

Amy Miller, Secretary

**Next GDC ALN meeting: Tuesday March 10, 2015 (same location)**