

BOARD OF EDUCATION
FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FAIRFIELD, CT

**Strategic Plan
Gifted Sub-Committee**

Monday, April 26, 2010
Education Center
501 Kings Highway East
BOE Seminar Room
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

- Dr. Rosato called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. In attendance were Gary Rosato, Jenny Gillis, Analiese Paik, Kristy Macoy, Pia Natoli, Ellin Smith, Dawn Llewellyn, Maureen Fox, Anna Cutaia – Leonard, Sheila Ferrara, Molly Farrell, Diane Rossiter, Greg Hatzis, Connee Dawson, John Chiappetta, Glenn Mackno

II. Review and Approval of Minutes

- Some members did not receive the minutes from the last meeting. Dr. Rosato will resend them via email.

III. Update of the Elementary Proposal ideas following meeting with Sally Reis

- Anna Cutaia-Leonard reviewed the meeting that her subcommittee had with Sally Reis earlier this month. She reviewed the comments and suggestions that Sally offered to the group after reviewing the draft proposal. Some suggestions included using caution if a creativity measure is used as part of the identification process and utilizing the concept of enrichment clusters. These clusters would be formed school wide based on student interest and all teachers would offer academically based programs to all students. Students would self-select into courses that were of interest to them. These could be offered on a monthly or semester basis. This is a powerful model in that it moves the responsibility for enrichment out to all staff members, not just the G+T teachers. A trip to visit the G+T program in Mansfield CT was also discussed.

IV. Discussion of Middle School Program ideas

- Dr. Rosato reviewed a bulleted handout describing the nature and needs of gifted students at the middle school level, potential problems that can arise, organizational structures of programs at this level and the role of a gifted coordinator. In addition, the idea of a gifted liaison at each school was discussed as was the identification process and future consultation with Sally Reis. The three middle school principals were in attendance and offered suggestions for programming options for 2010-2011 and possible ideas for a proposal for 2011-2012. A parent training for the MS Renzulli on-line program was scheduled for April 28 at 7 p.m. at RLMS.

V. Proposal development for 2011-2012 budget cycle

- The elementary subcommittee has several meetings planned during May to continue to work on their draft proposal as presented at the March meeting. A consultation meeting between the MS administrators and Sally Reis will be scheduled for later in May. Both of these groups will update the G+T subcommittee at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 24th.

VI. Next meeting date is May 24, 2010

VII. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 3:30p.m.