

Parent Council Meeting Minutes
9/25/17
6:00-7:00 PM
Celebrating the diversity that is LCS



- Welcome, Housekeeping, Introductions, Review of Agenda, Mission and Vision
 - Time Keeper-Lisa Peterson
 - Thank you and your children thank you. Research shows us that when parents are involved students fare better
- Getting to know our coordinator
 - Taught for Copley MS gifted grades 5,6,7,8
 - Barberton grades K-8
 - Wadsworth grades 3-4
 - Buckeye Local and Highland Local Coordinator of Gifted Services
- Moving Away from Terra Nova as our whole grade screener
 - Parent Reports from 2016-2017; Social Studies Screening Grade 5
 - Terra Nova was bought out by DRC which has caused us many issues. We have still not received parent reports. It is our recommendation to move toward the Iowa and the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT). Our understanding is that they will help us identify students that haven't been well represented. The CogAT 7-more equitable for non English speaking students. To clarify, the range for the CogAT's Standard Age Score (SAS) goes up to 160 as opposed to the InView's CSI score of 141. We will not assess social studies as part of our whole grade screening at grade 5 using the Iowa Achievement Test. Our teachers and principals have shared with us that this is not a necessary assessment.
- Updating our brochure to reflect services grades 3-5 in home school
 - Brochure will be updated to reflect service in HS with attention to difference between self-contained services and differentiation in the general classroom setting.
- How are the State Operating Standards that went into effect in July impacting our program?
 - State Operating Standards-Require whole grade screening grade 2 & 5
 - 30 hours of professional development for ALL staff serving students on a Written Education Plan (WEP)
 - GT teachers will have 1 day with Deb to work on WEP development;
 - Full grade screening to consider creative thinking. This is a two-part process involving a cognitive assessment (CogAT) and a creative thinking checklist that is to be completed by the teacher. Teachers will be trained on how to complete the checklist and will be asked to complete the checklist for any students they have who score 112 or higher on the CogAT.
 - Renzulli rating scale -GT in creative thinking

- The Title One Situation at Grant and the relationship to GT program
 - Grant is no longer eligible for Title One Services. Buildings are eligible for these funds based upon the percentage of families that apply for and receive free and reduced lunch. Of the 7 elementary schools in the district, 5 are eligible and two (Grant and Lincoln) are not.

Agenda Items for next meeting

21 st century skills

How is the district delivering instruction in the Arts

What funding is provided to the district to serve students identified and GT

WEPs

Twice exceptional students

How is it possible for teachers to meet diverse learning needs



Mission of Lakewood City Schools Parent Council

Our mission is to create an open, safe and transparent forum in which ideas, questions and global concerns from parents of students identified as gifted and talented and the Department of Teaching learning might be shared.

We envision a group focus on Serving Students identified as gifted and talented while also:

1. Creating and maintaining an inclusive school district with a climate of embracing, supporting and serving students all students including those identified as gifted and talented via awareness and understanding.
2. Establishing a group that is representative of a cross section of Lakewood City School students identified as gifted and talented.
3. Ensuring high expectations for students identified as gifted and talented.

Our charge is to discuss global concerns identified by the group. If you are having concerns with your son or daughter's classroom or provision of services please talk directly with your child's teacher. If you have tried that, to no avail, please connect with the building principal. If the building principal is unable

to assist you he/she will direct you to our district's coordinator for Gifted Education. Thank you.