

AELP Parent Organization Board Meeting Minutes November 1, 2012

Members Present: Nicole Petersen, Karen Peters, Andrea White, Mary Bush, Matt Robie, Mariateresa Elia, Ann Wright, Cindy Bartek, Penny Watgen

Committee Reports

Finance

- No report

Communication

- Carin Murphy provided some logos to choose for the website. Nicole will take our choice(s) to Jarrett Peterson for approval. Carin is continuing to work on designing the site.

Programming

- Fall Book Club: Daytime group (led by Nicole) will begin next week. Andrea is working on coordinating the evening group.

- Fall AELP Presentation

Date: Thursday, November 29

Time: 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Location: Prairie Trail Elementary School

Keynote: Dr. Susan Assouline and Dr. Maureen Marron from Belin-Blank will give the keynote address on Appreciating Intellectual Gifts (Anti-Intellectualism)

Parent Organization Presentation: Nicole and Karen

ITAG: Matt

Breakout Sessions (Tentative List):

First Session

College Pathways

Perfectionism

STEM Opportunities and Recommendations for Secondary Students

Choosing Books for High Ability K–5 Readers

Academic Acceleration

Second Session

Getting to Know Your Gifted Child: Excerpts from *Living with Intensity*

Twice Exceptional Students

Cognitive Characteristics and Correlation to Social/Emotional Needs

Above-Level Testing and Opportunities Available at the Belin-Blank Center Perfectionism

Press Release: Andrea will design.

Flyer: Karen will turn press release into flyer.

Program for the Presentation: Matt will compile the information and pass it on to Andrea, who will make a program.

Andrea will update membership brochures. We will have brochures and sign-up sheets at a parent membership table (Karen and Andrea will monitor with assistance from others as necessary.) Anyone can bring gifted/talented books to display.

We (Matt) will ask presenters to provide handouts if possible for those who attend their session as well as for those who are unable to but would like the information. We will archive these handouts as well as future informational materials on the website.

Matt will take care of building logistics: doors, chairs, sound system, room assignments, etc.

We will offer to get dinner for Maureen and Susan (Belin-Blank presenters), and any board members who can will meet early at Prairie Trail to introduce themselves and eat with the presenters. Matt will get orders from Maureen and Susan. Karen will get dinner. Ann will get small thank-you gifts for them as well.

*We will use the group email to communicate during the next few weeks:

AnkenyELPfriends@gmail.com (password: AELP2011)

Legislative

- Ann will collect information from Ames and Waukee, two districts that currently give math credit to students taking advanced classes below grade 9.

We will continue to investigate the issue of non credit for students below grade 9, including the impact changing the policy may have on college entrance, and try to develop a position on challenging or not challenging the current board policy.

Board Membership

- Penny Watgen has volunteered to fill the position of vice-president on the board for the remainder of this year.

Karen made a motion to nominate Penny for vice-president. Andrea seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: Sunday, December 2, at 6 p.m. at Andrea's house

We will discuss the presentation and any follow-up necessary and begin planning the next newsletter, which will feature summaries from the sessions.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.