

CANDO – Back on Track Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2010 • 7:00 – 8:00pm
Rotolo Middle School Library Media Center
www.bataviacando.org

Introductions and Announcements

January 14 -----Twice exceptional webinar, Batavia Public Library, 6:30 – 8:00pm
February 2 -----Summer Resource Fair, Geneva Middle School South, 7:00pm
February 3-4-----Next CANDO meeting(s) *your choice of one or the other*.
Wed Feb. 3 @ 7pm OR Thurs Feb. 4 @ 9:15am, Limestone Coffee & Tea
February TBD -----Jan Wright, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum will share current state
of gifted, following BEPR report.
Future agenda item ---Interest in Magnet schools and alternatives to pull out programs

Updates

Gifted Committee (Ann Hejna)

Following much research, committee stalled last year

Artifacts (Jill Shugar)

Database established and stalled

www.smithsonianeducation.org - good resource for students, teachers, families

School Board Meeting (AnnMarie Fauske)

Discussed extracurricular

John Robinson asked board to inform parents before just cutting programs

School budget for next year \$7mm in debt, IL is currently placed at 50th in the country for funding
(or lack of)

AP / Honors Weighted Grades (Joni Nelson)

8 years ago, stopped weighted grades; parents were told colleges de-weighted when transcripts
arrived

Every other district in area is offering grade weighting; colleges confirmed no de-weight upon
receipt of transcripts;

Impact:

- Batavia parents losing valuable scholarship money
- The fact that we do not weigh grades discouraging students from taking honors/AP
classes

Action

- Hoping to pass weighted grades and apply to previous grades earned
- Next board meeting 1/26 and this topic on the agenda, need to be there in full force (*note:*
has since been pulled from agenda in deference to BPR reports)

Discussion/Ideas

Need to encourage primary teachers to learn more about gifted students, sign up for Liz's
certification classes, PET program tools available to all teachers.

Talk to principals about their experience with flex grouping in order to collect data. Could be
effective, cost-free strategy to implement district wide.

Group Concerns

Accountability of classroom teachers, schools, and school board
Continuation/improvement/establishment of effective gifted program
Challenging in all subjects and all levels
Consistency across schools
Definition of gifted/ terminology to use
Differentiation within classroom
Gifted Language Arts/Reading/English/Writing
Gifted Science
High School Curriculum – A/P AND HONORS
Highly/profoundly gifted
Illinois politics/leader mentality
Modeling K-12 program from other successes
Primary grades enrichment
Teacher capability and mentality

Action Plans/Responsibilities

Ann to send out an online survey to collect information about flexible grouping in bps elementary schools.

Dave and Caroline to work on updating website and investigate establishing a new communication dispersal method for all CANDO info. Consider getting the CANDO link on the RMS Challenge site. *Lauren* proposed alternative location: bps101.net/parents/community links – looking into it.

Everyone talk to Board Members. Make sure they know it's important to us to keep the funding we have and whatever else is important to you regarding your children's education:

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Addition:

The CANDO website is <http://www.bataviacando.org/>

- We invite anyone interested in helping with maintenance of the website to contact caroline@baty-barr.com.