

Selection of Gifted Advisory Committee members - Dana Somayaji (SEAC rep) and Michelle Campbell (LDAO and SEAC vice-chair).

Update on LD (Learning Disability) SIP

Superintendency Based IPRC (Identification, Placement and Review Committee) Process

Majority of IPRCs will take place at the community school.

SB IPRC will be used for complex cases. For example Dual Support it has been useful.

Gifted Advisory Group Update

Gifted Review Advisory Group Members:

Bruce Shore - McGill Professor

Shari Orders - Ottawa U Professor

Christine Boothby - Kanata Trustee

Olga Grigoriev - Superintendent of Learning Support Services

Jenny Dewan - System Vice Principal of Learning Support Services

Cheryl Plouffe - Gifted Committee member

Mark Schenk - First Ave principal

Catherine Deschambault - Broadview principal

Michelle Campbell - SEAC Rep (LDAO, SEAC vice-chair)

Cathy Miederna - ABC Co-President

Dragos Popa - ABC representative

Dana Somayaji - SEAC representative (OCASC)

For this initial meeting, we discussed our perspectives in the following areas by writing individual answers on sticky notes and reading aloud our answers:

1. Define: 'Improving effectiveness of service'
2. Who are gifted learners?
3. What is equity of access for under-represented groups?
4. What are the needs of gifted students?

Next meeting's topics for April 3rd will include discussion on:

1. What are the supports that are currently working for the gifted program?
2. Service delivery vs identity/assessment
(Along with (I'm assuming) discussion of new ideas on how to improve effectiveness of service for the gifted program.)

I'm confident that this group will produce some viable options for Trustees and look forward to the next few months! If anyone has input they'd like to share about these areas, or any ideas in general, please contact Dana or any of the other members of the committee.