



**Zumbro Education District
Gifted and Talented Planning Committee Minutes
December 7, 2022
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

- **Present-** Those present were Becky Remmele & Janet Splinter, ZED; Denise Hadrath, Blooming Prairie; Sara Gillette, Hayfield; Jennifer Kujath, Kasson-Mantorville; and Lynn Bussan, Stewartville. Laura Lee/Kevin Krenz, Triton and Rebecca Newsom, Byron, were absent.
- **Program Updates-**
 - **Creative Writing Contest-** There were 477 writers this year compared to 355 last year. We are still waiting on a few rubrics so once Janet receives those and gets all of the scores tallied and entered she will email the districts the results. There was one paper that was disqualified due to content. Becky notified the appropriate teacher/district. The prizes will be journals and pens, as we have done in the past. It was noted that based on the missing punctuation on some papers that the students probably used 'voice to write'. This may have to be addressed next year in the rules/guidelines.
 - **Choral Fest-** The ZED Choral Fest was held in Byron this year on October 17, 2022. Approximately 270 students participated. Some of the district choral directors suggested that the Choral Fest be held at the new ZED building next year. A few toured the facility with Becky. Chairs and Risers would have to be brought in, as well as a piano or keyboard. Discussion also took place on the food cost for this event. Pizza could be an option and it would be much less costly. The date for the '23-'24 Choral Fest has not been set yet.
 - **Academic Triathlon-** Someone new has taken over the United States Academic Triathlon program and for this year we will hold two scrimmage-type meets, February 10, 2023 and March 10, 2023. The February meet will be held in Byron and the March meet will be held at K-M. Becky plans to have a coaches meeting on January 12, 2023.
 - **ZED Traveling Art Show-** This year there will be both a Virtual and Traveling Art Show. Byron is in charge of providing the artwork for the poster. The schedule is as follows:
 - February 3, 2023 - Set-up at K-M
 - February 6-13, 2023 - K-M
 - February 15-22, 2023 - Hayfield
 - February 24-March 3, 2023 - Stewartville
 - March 7-14, 2023 - Byron
 - March 16-23, 2023 - Blooming Prairie
 - March 27-April 3, 2023 - Triton
 - April 5-11, 2023 - ZED
 - **ZED Science Fair-** The 2023 Science Fair will be held on Friday, April 14, 2023 at Triton Schools. The schools should be asking the volunteers for their local science fairs to also judge at the ZED Science Fair.. Becky has contacted Oxbow about doing the presentations this year. The group discussed the possibility of starting the judging one hour earlier so students could get back to their districts in time to catch the bus home. Becky will check with Triton to see if this would be a possibility.
 - **ZED Summer Academy-** The '22-'23 ZED Summer Academy will be held June 12-16, 2023 at K-M Middle School. We still have scholarship money/donations from last year so we will include a hard copy of the scholarship form with the booklet/registration form this year.
- **Other Business –** There was no 'Other Business'
- **Next Meeting-** The next meeting will be held March 8, 2023 at 1:30pm at the ZED Office.