



**Zumbro Education District  
Gifted and Talented Planning Committee Minutes  
September 14, 2022  
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

- **Introductions-** Introductions were done. Those present were Becky Remmele & Janet Splinter, ZED; Denise Hadrath, Blooming Prairie; Rebecca Newsom, Byron; Sara Gillette, Hayfield; Jen Kujath, K-M; Lynn Bussan, Stewartville and Kevin Krenz (filling in for Laura Lee), Triton.
- **Read and Review Minutes-** Reviewed minutes from the May 11, 2022 meeting. No changes made.
- **Review Meeting Times/Dates-** The meetings for this year include December 14, 2022, March 8, 2023, and May 10, 2023. The meetings will be from 1:30-3:00p.m. at the ZED Office.
- **Planning for '22-'23 School Year-** Becky reviewed the '2021-2022 Student Participation in G/T Programs' (listed past years and number of participating students for each activity) with the group.
  - **Creative Writing Contest-** Materials were given to the G/T contacts to be distributed to the appropriate teachers. We will be doing things electronically again this year. Teachers will receive an email on Monday, September 26, 2022, with the Contest Rules/Entry Guidelines form attached and will need to forward this to all students. Judging will be done in November. For the topic this year, students will again be given an image and caption to create their own story. Students will receive an email on Monday, September 26th with the contest rules and guidelines attached and can begin writing immediately. Papers are due in the ZED office by 3:30p.m. on Friday, October 14th. This information will also be available on the ZED website under 'Student Enrichment' and 'Creative Writing Contest'. A pen and writing journal will be the prizes for the Honorable Mention and Exemplary writers again this year. As in the past, the Exemplary writers will also receive a Barnes & Noble Gift Card. Each district is being asked to provide six judges. Names and email addresses should be sent to [jsplinter@zumbroed.org](mailto:jsplinter@zumbroed.org). The more judges we have, the fewer number of papers each judge has to read.
  - **Choral Fest-** The ZED Choral Fest will be held in Byron on Monday, October 17, 2022.
  - **Academic Triathlon-** Becky notified the group that she has been in contact with someone who has taken over the Academic Triathlon program and is hoping to offer something this year. There would not be a state meet for sure. Becky will notify the group when she hears more, hopefully in the next month. The group discussed the possibility of holding a meet at the new ZED building but there would not be enough rooms to accommodate the number needed.
  - **ZED Traveling Art Show-** For this year Byron will be in charge of providing the composition for the poster. The schedule is as follows: Feb 3-set up in K-M; Feb. 6-13-K-M; Feb. 15-22-Hayfield; Feb. 24-Mar. 3-Stewartville; Mar. 7-14-Byron; Mar. 16-23-Blooming Prairie; Mar. 27-Apr. 3-Triton; and Apr. 5-11-ZED. We will be doing both a traveling and virtual art show this year. With the virtual art show being offered the past two years some other types of art medium were able to be a part of the show that normally would not have the opportunity to do so.
  - **ZED Science Fair-** The tentative date for this year's Science Fair is Friday, April 14, 2023. Kevin Krenz will check with Triton to see if they could host this year and if that date would work. Several districts had to leave after round 2 last year so that students could be back for bussing so the group discussed the possibility of having the science fair start and end an hour earlier so the students could get back in time for bussing.
  - **ZED Summer Academy-** The '21-'22 ZED Summer Academy was held at Triton Schools. There were 152 students that attended. Becky shared the evaluation summaries and the ZED Summer Academy Summary that includes a breakdown of participants by district for each year. The location for the '22-'23 program has not been determined yet. Byron has some construction taking place so that location will not work. The dates for the '22-'23 program are June 12-16, 2023.
- **Other Business –** Per request, Janet will email the group the '22-'23 G/T Contact sheet.