



Zumbro Education District
Gifted and Talented Planning Committee Minutes
September 15, 2021
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 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; Lisa Myran-Schutte, Pine Island; Aimee Johnson, Stewartville and Laura Lee, Triton.
- **Read and Review Minutes-** Reviewed minutes from the March 3, 2021 meeting. No changes made.
- **Review Meeting Times/Dates-** The meetings for this year include December 8, 2021 @ 2:15p.m., March 9, 2022 @ 2:00p.m. and May 11, 2022 @ 2:00p.m., at the ZED office. We will review times later in the year and make adjustments if necessary.
- **Planning for '21-'22 School Year-** Becky reviewed the following handouts with the group: '2020-2021 Student Participation in G/T Programs' (listed past years and number of participating students for each activity); and '2020-2021 Creative Writing Contest Participation by District' (listed student participation for each district). The handouts also included the G/T contacts for the '21-'22 year.
 - **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 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. The stories will be written from a pet's perspective. Students will receive an email on Monday, September 27th with the contest rules and guidelines attached and can begin writing immediately. 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. The more judges we have, the fewer number of papers each judge has to read.
 - **Choral Fest-** The ZED Choral Fest has been cancelled for this year.
 - **Academic Triathlon-** Becky notified the group that she received an email that stated the Academic Triathlon season will not be taking place in its usual format. Becky will notify the group when she hears more from the USAT organization. A few districts still do not have coaches.
 - **ZED Traveling Art Show-** Last year's art show was done virtually and it was well received. For this year Stewartville will be in charge of providing the composition for the poster. Becky has a tentative schedule prepared and will be suggesting possibly doing both a traveling and virtual art show this year. With the art show being virtual last year, 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 2021 Science Fair was cancelled. The tentative date for this year's Science Fair is Friday, April 8, 2022. Aimee Johnson will check with Stewartville to see if they could host this year.
 - **ZED Summer Academy-** The '20-'21 ZED Summer Academy was held at K-M Middle School and there were 161 students that attended. There was a lot of extra planning that had to be done due to Covid-19. The location for the '21-'22 program has not been determined yet. Becky is waiting to hear where the ZED ESY program will be held. The program rotates between Triton, Byron and K-M, all of which are centrally located. We will request student names from teachers that they feel qualify for the ZED Summer Academy program and booklets will be mailed directly to students again this year.
- **Other Business –** There was no other business.