



# HCP Advisory Committee- Minutes

Wednesday, May 10, 2023 | 3:30-5:00pm | Pioneer Center

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**Members Present:** Roberta Kramer, Pam Brantner, Trisha Doumit, Jennifer Hamilton, Susan Horstman, Paula Perron-Bates, Kristen Robinson

**Members Absent:** Grace Grow, Carone Jones, Shelley Opgenorth, Tessa Powell

3:35 PM- Roberta Kramer called the meeting to order.

## Meeting Minutes

Review of Minutes from February 07, 2023

Hi-Cap TOSA report - Kristen Robinson

- TOSA updates committee on HCP Selection Committee progress in finalizing the list of qualifying students for the coming 2023-24 school year. There was a total of 102 referrals of which 21 students qualified with 7 moving on to either creativity testing or non-verbal cognitive testing.
  - There was a reflection on the number of referrals received this spring. The HCP TOSA suggests prior to the opening of spring referral, an in-person meeting with interested families could provide a clearer understanding of highly capable student qualifications and rigors of the selection process.
  - There was a suggestion to track whether referrals come from teachers or families.
  - Appeals have been received from families of non-qualifying students. Based on meetings it is suggested changing wording on the notice to families to help them better understand the selection process and chosen selection criteria.
- The TOSA is working with principals to look at the numbers of HCP students for next year and evaluating the number of HCP teachers needed at each grade level.
- Update of the online referral process
  - Overall, the new online referral process went well, but there are some areas to consider improving for next year.
    - Reduce the number of email reminders
    - Need to allow for emails from more than one guardian
    - Wording on the referral form needs further revision
    - Rating scales given to students need more kid friendly wording
      - It was suggested by committee member to have the rating scale given to students after it has been determined they will proceed to assessment.

Selection Process

- It was suggested by committee member to have the rating scale given to students after it has been determined they will proceed to assessment.
- The committee plans to review the notification letters in fall.

STEM Night

- Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories was a sponsor this year and it was requested to verify whether SEL will participate in the coming year.

- It was suggested to see if Lincoln Middle School could be added as a participating school in STEM nights.

Highly capable program for middle school and high school students.

- The committee discussed academic offered at secondary level and academic goal expectations. There was a consideration of advance placement class offerings at the high school and student participation.

Universal Screening

- The Universal Screener details will be provided in fall.

4:15 Meeting adjourned