



Gifted Advisory Board Meeting Agenda 25-26 School Year

November 6, 2025 | 5:30-7:00 PM | ITC Greyrock Conference Room

Meeting Leader: Kirstan Morris

[Attendance sheet](#)

Agenda:

Topic	Description	Action or Next Step
Welcome and Norms of Collaboration	Welcome new members! (name plates and introductions) REMINDER: Communication Norms and Purpose We are representing all students. We must approach issues and conversations with our specific lens on this Board. We focus on the district as a whole. • Poudre School District's Principles of Community • Poudre School District's Circle Agreement speaking norms (part of restorative practices in PSD) Circle Agreements ● Respect the Space of the Speaker ● Speak from the heart ● Listen from the heart ● Trust you will know what to say ● Say just enough	

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CDE Office of Gifted Education updates	25-26 Gifted funding from CDE remained steady! CDE State Accountability Data Dashboard for all districts (updated September 2025) • Search for Poudre R-1 • Toggle through the data tabs • Can sort “Gifted” as a Student Group	NAGC National Conference is in Pittsburgh next week.
PSD Gifted Program updates	Current PSD gifted program happenings: • 20+ gifted site coordinators and teachers attended the CO CAGT Conference last month - Great conference! • 50 referrals - 1st semester Referral Window • Fall CogAT testing gr. 3-12 ends tomorrow • ALP goals are written / ALPs going home • Programming at sites is ongoing	
Guest: Tanya Alcaraz, Director of Career and Innovation	Topic: Updates to https://www.psdfutureready.org/ and ICAP benchmarks 26-27 PSD Campus Select course options.pdf 26-27 PSD Career Tech pathways.pdf Grades 5-12 ICAP Xello activities.pdf	
GAB - Making Changes (Update)	KM met with John Cope, Executive Director of Communication on 10/3/2025. • Shared ALL of our ideas and thoughts from May 2025. Advocated for much more active communication for transition parents John listened well. Then he shared information about how PSD communications and transition work is going to potentially shift soon. Info from John is listed below in no particular order: ☐ Our PSD School to Home communications vendor is changing. That will allow for better mass communication from PSD and departments and schools. ☐ School/district websites will be changing too. There will be more PSD-central oversight (ex: PSD will be able to add events to school calendars online, will have some content on all websites that PSD controls and can keep there, can norm more of the icons on websites, etc.). ☐ John is focusing on four markets of parents: 1. Into K 2. 5th grade (MS transition) 3. 8th grade (HS transition)	New - Choose PSD site https://www.psdschools.org/choosepsd/psd-school-profiles

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	4. New to PSD ☐ Interesting sidenote - His former district in Texas ran an Expo Event - much like the transition event the GAB is proposed. fwisd.org ☐ Transitions work for parents - - - • He created a new landings FAQ page for parents seeking PSD info. • Plans to make hubs for the four types of markets • Wants to get parents to the info they want in 3 clicks or less • Talked about making a Prospective Students button on PSD websites, just like colleges do.	
Discussion: Capture Ideas	“Prospective Students” button on school websites (Helping families learn about a PSD school) “New to Gifted in PSD” webpage on district website (Onboarding information for parents)	

FYI - - - May 2025 GAB Meeting: DISCUSSION NOTES

****Ideas that the GAB wanted to start with in 25-26.**

School one-pager ideas:

- *Thinking about HS is overwhelming. What would my child get here that they would not get there?*
- *Hard to decide what would go on the “dot chart” that would be important to the most parents.*
- *Idea: Do a parent survey. Find out what they want to know as they move into this transition with their child. “What are the top three priorities that you want to know?”*
- *Digitize the chart - (ex: be able to funnel down to clubs at multiple schools)*
- *MS one pagers? Elem?*

Other ideas to help parents in school discussions:

Give parents a list of “key questions” to ask sites as they visit open houses (like sentence starters) - - Look online to see if someone else has questions like this already?

- *Give transition parents a packet to help them record information as they investigate the next school/s up*
- *How to support BOTH parents who are looking and parents who are going to their neighborhood school*
- *Idea - Communicate the timeline with 5th grade and 8th grade parents early on*
- *Idea - Transition icon/button on MS and HS websites for 5th and 8th grade parents*
- *Idea - There is no PSD transition webpage (Is there a district that does this well?)*
- *District department supports in this*
 - *Curriculum (ex: K-5 literacy curriculum one pagers for all schools to offer at their open houses - good for all parents / choice or home school)*