

## WINKELMAN GIFTED COMMITTEE

As stated in the D31 Strategic Plan, we believe that it is our responsibility as a district to ensure all students grow and develop to their fullest potential, which includes students with gifts and talents. A committee has been formed to study and research best practices in supporting students with gifts and talents at the elementary level and to make recommendations for supports and services at Winkelman school.

The Winkelman Gifted Committee has been charged with developing a 3-year implementation plan for:

1. Creating a culture that promotes the development of every student's passions, talents, and gifts
2. Providing students with exceptional academic abilities high quality supports and services
3. Ensuring equity in access to supports and services, especially for historically underserved populations

Members of the Gifted Committee include the following:

<b>Co-Facilitators:</b>
Carrie De La Cruz - Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Laura Beltchenko - Educational Consultant
<b>Committee Members:</b>
Holly Harper-Kelly - Director of ELL / Bilingual
Dana Tamez - Winkelman Principal
Melissa Choo Valentinas - Board Member
Daphne Frank - Board Member
Nisha Gandhi - Parent
Beth Rohrer - Gifted Teacher
Trina Lauter - 3rd Grade Teacher
Gina Pearce - Kindergarten Teacher
Mona Macpherson - Technology Integration Coach
Stefanie Bauer - School Psychologist

The committee will meet five times during the course of the school year. Recommendations will be made to the Winkelman School Leadership Team and District Leadership Team in the spring.

Questions regarding the Winkelman Gifted Committee should be directed to Dr. Carrie De La Cruz, Director of Curriculum and Instruction at [cdelacruz@district31.net](mailto:cdelacruz@district31.net) or 847-313-4411.