

King George County Schools
Gifted Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday March 30, 2017, 4:09-5:18
King George County School Board Office
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1. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Attendees: Amanda Higgins, Gayle Hock, Valerie Burke, Dustin Pifer, Terri Rinko, Sarah Wohlman
2. Approval Meeting Minutes from January 19, 2017:
 - a. Motion to Approve: Dustin Pifer
 - b. Second Motion: Valerie Burke
3. Coordinator's Report: Amanda Higgins
 - a. STEM Day: Dustin Pifer, Jan 25, 2017. Three activity stations. Bungee jump with Barbies, Keva planks to make a bridge, and Hoop Glider Competition.
 - b. Summer Opportunities:
 1. Camp Invention taking place King George Elementary School May 30- June 2. Intended for Elementary school students. Flier has been sent home with students.
 2. STEM academy which is conducted by King George Middle School counseling office.
 3. VAG: Link to summer opportunity through a link to local Governor's School webpage.
 - c. Gifted Center Open House: May 10, 2017 held at King George Elementary School. This is for students identified in the spring session, lots of information for newly identified students and parents.
 - d. Governor's School:
 1. Chesapeake Bay Governor's School (CBGS) – all four seats are full, intended for rising tenth grade students.
 2. Commonwealth Governor's School (CGS)– process underway. Testing, interview and portfolio reviews have been completed. Letters of eligibility will be issued by the end of April 2017.
 - e. Fredericksburg Regional Governor's School (FRGS):
 1. Applications have been distributed and returned to gifted resource teachers.
 2. Applications will be reviewed prior to Spring Break.
 3. Students will be notified through FRGS office.
 4. Transportation option is available to students at King George Middle School.
4. Young Scholars: Dustin Pifer,
 - a. Took longer than originally anticipated to get off the ground but all is finished meeting soon to finalize the group of students to start up after Spring Break. Intended for first graders and all the materials are ready for the start of the Young Scholars Program.
5. Gifted Local Plan Review: Booklet review pages 1-14 in the previous meeting dated Jan 19, 2017.
 - a. Page 8 lots of rewording to be made and clarification. The final due date will be printed on the referral form.
 - b. Page 12 list both subjects Math and English for one chart.
 - c. Page 13 added part third bullet, "reserves the right to administer" suggested by Gayle Hock. Taking out specific name for assessments tests.

- d. page 15 notification procedures No changes proposed by Amanda Higgins, as our current appeals process works well. Dustin Pifer points out the need for the statement “10 days from the date of the eligibility letter” instead of “10 days OF the date of the eligibility letter”.
 - e. Page 16 Part V, change in instructional services: Does not happen often, but we do need some sort of parameters to be set for children whom happen to be part time or furloughed students in order to exit the program after a period of time. Parents may request removal and/or resuming gifted services due to individual circumstances. Children that move out of the county and back into the county within one school years are eligible, and should have transcripts reviewed and not have to go through the original identification process again as they are already identified.
 - f. Page 17 Service Options: Add identified to specify the kind of student (not all).
 - g. Page 18 Part B: Add Math aptitude and strike through the rest.
 - h. Page 19 : Rewrite statement to read: Grades 3-6, Add sentence about secondary services.
 - i. Page 20: Assessments area, remove redundancy.
 - j. Page 23-24: School Board Policy update.
 - k. Page 25: Code: Professional Development.
 - l. Page 26: She is gifted office, add take out coordinator part don’t need to belighted.
 - m. Page 27: Annual presentation to the school Board. Dustin Pifer says should leave in the annual data.
6. Gifted Advisory Committee Membership for 2017-2018: Parents provide a unique insight to the programmatic needs and the GAC would love to include representation from each of the local schools and more diversity.
7. Annual Presentation to the School Board:
- a. Inclusion of the gifted plan for approval.
 - b. Approximate presentation date is currently June 12, 2017.

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