

1. Welcome and Introductions:

Attendees: Corinne Graves, Allison Daughtridge, Sarah Wohlman, Jessica Wilkerson, Terri Rinko, Erin Myers, Dustin Pifer, Amanda Higgins.

Appointment of GAC Chair and Secretary:

- a. Nomination of Corrine Graves for Chair: Dustin Pifer
- b. Second of Nomination: Terri Rinko
- c. Nomination of Sarah Wohlman for Secretary: Terri Rinko
- d. Second of Nomination: Corinne Graves

Approval of GAC Meeting Minutes from April 14, 2016

- a. Motion to approve minutes: Corinne Graves
- b. Second: Amanda Higgins

2. Establish GAC Annual Goals – Corinne Graves

- a. Review/Revise gifted plan: Minor revisions to discuss in the January GAC meeting. Add or change items before presentation to the School Board during the March GAC meeting.
- b. Support for gifted programs: Governor School and Governor School:
Information night is scheduled for December 7, 2016 at 6 p.m. Many seventh graders and parents will attend and clarification will be provided to parents, especially sixth grade regarding requirements, by way of a flow chart outlining the requirements to apply. Letters are sent home in the spring to the parents of all fifth grade students informing of being tested for accelerated math. Provide awareness to younger students in order to prepare for future. STEM night would be a great time to offer some information to the fifth and sixth grade students awareness of not, only Math and Science, but include Governor School awareness as well at this time. STEM night this year is scheduled for early March 2017. STEM Day: Fifth and sixth grade students travel to CGS at KGHS last year. STEM day has been tentatively scheduled for January 2017 in order to avoid other scheduling issues with testing and various programs.
- c. Other Programs: VDOE Website: VDOE has changed its format and now the gifted education page to highlight activities, events or lessons in gifted services. We could submit pictures for our special events and programs and be featured on the VDOE website.

3. Young Scholar's Program – Dustin Pifer:

Program targeting for students from under represented populations. Gathered a list of students that should be involved. Contacted the first grade teachers to check if there are any students thus far into the school year that should be added to the group. Sending letters to the parents and soon to start testing upon these students. Students are eligible for this program based upon suggestions based upon teacher

identification. At this time there are about twelve students to be tested. This new program is being launched upon voluntary time by our gifted resource instructors. The young scholars program will teach self-advocacy to students who do not have advocates from home, which will help them be more successful in their future.

4. Additional Coordinator Information – Amanda Higgins
 - a. Our gifted plan will be sent out in January, would members of the GAC like to receive other gifted plans from other school so we can use them as a reference guide.
 - b. Summer residential Governors School applications are out and those are the programs available for current ninth through eleventh grade students. The summer residential Governor Schools take place in different universities across the state. Applications vary upon what programs the students would be interesting in taking. Arts programs applications are due earlier in mid-November 2016.
5. Future GAC Meetings: 4:00 PM, School Board Office, Second Floor Conference Room
 - a. January 19, 2017
 - b. March 16, 2017