

1 Welcome and Introductions:

- A. Attendees: Amanda Higgins, Terri Rinko, Jennifer Truitt, Dustin Pifer, Sarah Wohlman, Allison Daughtridge, Corinne Graves, Valerie Burke
- B. Approval of Meeting Minutes October 25, 2018:
 - a. Motion to Approve: Amanda Higgins
 - b. All in favor.

2 Focus Topic: Planning for Middle School Services – Amanda Higgins:

- A. Coordinating trips to Stafford and Caroline in February/March 2019.
 - a. Purpose: the move of Sixth Grade to the Middle School
 - b. Determine what needs to be provided in the form of gifted services with the new middle school configuration.
 - c. Dustin Pifer suggests speaking with staff and what all they implement in the form of gifted services, rather than interrupt lessons.
 - d. Caroline County provides a pull out during the enrichment and intervention program with the Gifted Services Resource Teacher sit in on a 20-minute session.
 - e. Amanda Higgins will schedule upcoming visits with Stafford and Caroline County Gifted Services.

3 Coordinator's Report – Amanda Higgins:

- A. All Gifted Referrals are due on or before February 15, 2019. Any referrals received after February 15 will roll over to the next school year.
- B. MAP testing currently underway at all three elementary schools, this is the screening method with which to identify students for gifted services. 96% and above are referred for gifted services. Cover letters are being sent to teachers for referrals for fall evaluation.
- C. Governor Schools:
 - a. Chesapeake Bay Governor's School (CGBS) and Commonwealth Governor's School (CGS) are in assessment phase at present time. There are over 30 applicants for Governor's School this year.
 - b. Summer Residential Programs for grades 10 and 11
 - c. Fredericksburg Regional Governor's School for grades 6-11 applications are not available yet, expected in February 2019 and are due around Mid-March.
- D. STEM day trip for gifted students 5th and 6th grade to Commonwealth Governor's School for half a day event. Older students mentoring younger students. Wednesday January 23, 2019.
- E. STEM night to be held Mid-March dinner provided at 4:30 p.m., event from 5-7 p.m. STEM night to be held at the High School due to current construction at the Middle School.
- F. Gifted Center Open House to be held in May 2019: Contact parents directly to invite them to the open house at King George Elementary School through letter and perhaps a follow up phone call or school messenger. Inform parents this is an important event for the students to meet the teachers and participate in a project while parents meet in the library for a

- question and answer session. Familiarization of the Gifted Services provided in King George County.
- G. Word Masters – Dustin Pifer: Huge success this year, 2 perfect scores out of 98 in the country. 4 students with scores of 19 out of 20. Discussion of perhaps posting in the newspaper. Currently preparing students for upcoming Word Masters in Mid-February.
 - H. Holiday Card Contest: First place, 5th grade student from Potomac Elementary and 2nd place, a high school student.
4. Future GAC Meetings: 4:00 p.m., School Board Office, Second Floor Conference Room

March 28, 2019