

Gifted Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

10/24/19

Ms. Graves and Ms. Higgins welcomed everyone to the year's first GAC meeting.

Ms. Graves was nominated and elected as 2019-2020 GAC Chair. Ms. Rinko was nominated and elected as GAC Secretary.

Ms. Higgins reviewed the GAC Bylaws with the Committee. It was suggested that under Article VI: Leadership, the two Co-Chairmen would consist of one parent or community member and the Gifted Coordinator. Under Article VIII: Meetings, it was suggested that meetings be posted electronically on the county website under Committees and on the digital calendar. It was determined that under Article X: Amendments and Revisions, proposed amendments would be submitted to membership for final approval at the January meeting with a quorum needed of at least 2/3 with at least 2/3 voting for approval.

Ms. Graves reviewed the Local Plan for the Education of the Gifted. Goals suggested for 2019-2020 included to meet with every 5th and 6th grade team and exploring enrichment opportunities in addition to gifted services provided during the school day. Mrs. Higgins asked the Committee to look over the Local Plan as a Committee to be able to discuss and finalize in January. Mr. Pifer defined the Young Scholars model. Ms. Graves and Mr. Pifer explained the giftedness assessment process. Ms. Graves offered to send out a link with a sample of an assessment test. Ms. Higgins reviewed all pieces of the eligibility process. Ms. Graves offered to email out a list of books for information on what giftedness is and how it is identified. Ms. Higgins said that in school year 2020/2021, there will be a Peer Review of the Local Plan with State feedback. A committee of Gifted educators will go over it with a rubric. KGCS did very well on the evaluation last time.

Ms. Higgins shared that the Holiday Card Contest deadline is November 5. Art teachers from all 5 schools will submit two or more pieces for consideration. The winner's artwork chosen will represent the school division on the KGCS holiday cards.

Ms. Higgins stated that on October 31 during the school day, the Director of CGS is coming to talk to the 8th grade middle school students and that the Director and Lead Teacher from CBGS will be coming November 14 to talk to 9th grade high school students. The Governors School Information Night is scheduled for November 14th at 5:30 in the KGMS Auditorium.

Ms. Higgins told the Committee that applications for the Summer Residential Governors School are out right now for 10th and 11th grade students in specific areas of interest. The deadlines are in November. The applications for the Fredericksburg Regional Governors School summer day program for grades 6 through 11 are due to be released in February. The applications will be available through Gifted Resource teachers. Buses have been made available for transportation to and from the site each year.

The next Gifted Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 16.

Motion: Ms. Daughtridge made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Journigan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.