

## Gifted Advisory Committee

KGCS School Board Office, Upstairs Conference Room, 4:00-5:00PM

March 22, 2022

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      - Applications have been distributed are due by March 25 (FRIDAY)
      - For rising 6-12 grade students
      - Students will be notified through FRGS office
      - Transportation will be provided if needed
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  - c. **Governor's School:**
    - 1. Chesapeake Bay Governor's School (CBGS) - all five seats are full, intended for rising tenth grade students.
    - 2. Commonwealth Governor's School (CGS)- all testing, interview and portfolio reviews have been completed. Letters of eligibility have been issued to all students who applied.
- Gifted Local Plan Review: Booklet review pages 1-13 (parts I-IV)
- Gifted Advisory Committee Membership for 2022-2023: Parents provide insight to the programmatic needs and the GAC would love to include representation from each of the local schools and more diversity.
- GAC Members 2022-2023 - applications to be completed by 6/1/2022
- Future GAC Meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 3, 2022 at 4 PM.

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1. Welcome / Call to Order 4:07 p.m.
  - A. Attendees: Rachel Fronzo, Kelly Barnes, Robin Mitchell, Kristine Hill, Angie Harris, Valerie Burke, Terri Rinko, Corrine Graves, Jenny Truitt, and Gayle Hock
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from Feb. 1, 2022. Motion by Terri Rinko and seconded by Kristine Hill.
3. Coordinator's Report: Angela Harris
  - a. **Summer Opportunities:**
    1. Camp Invention taking place at KGES May 31st - June 3rd. Intended for elementary students.
    2. Ms. Harris presented data for the gifted program for this past year. 8 SES students and 2 PES students did not attend the KGES program. There was discussion about whether SES's enrichment program may have impacted the decision not to attend KGES.
    3. Fredericksburg Regional Governor's School (FRGS) - Mrs. Hill said that these students must be identified as gifted. There are currently no applicants, but there may be applications in the counseling office that she is not aware of at this time.
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  - b. **Gifted Center Open House:** May 11, 2022 held at King George Elementary School. This is for students identified in the spring session, lots of information for newly identified students and parents. Mrs. Truitt stated that gifted interviews are ongoing and mid to late April notifications are expected.
  - c. **Governor's School:**



1. Chesapeake Bay Governor's School (CBGS) - all five seats are full, intended for rising tenth grade students. One student declined the offer, but the seat is currently being filled.

2. Commonwealth Governor's School (CGS)- all testing, interview and portfolio reviews have been completed. Letters of eligibility have been issued to all students who applied. All offers have been accepted. Mrs. Graves commented on the success of filling all seats and the hard work Mrs. Hill has put in making this happen.

4. Gifted Local Plan Review: Booklet review pages 1-13 (parts I-IV) - The committee reviewed through page 5.

We do not have a Visual/Performing Arts program because of limited staffing in the area. Our students are identified in Math and English. All second grade students are assessed. Students can self refer. KGCS offers a K-2 pull out program. On page 4, "the county" is changed to "the division." The committee discussed social and emotional needs of students identified as gifted as well as those identified as twice exceptional. CGS has a dedicated school counselor and the desire for students to utilize those services was discussed. The plan for the Young Scholars program was discussed including identifying Kindergarten students through teacher referral for pull out and small group sessions. This was piloted at KGES for two years prior to the COVID shutdown. The criteria was that students were potential future candidates for enrichment programs such as Governors Schools and did not have an advocate/resources at home. Mrs. Truitt explains that another translation of this program was to offer PETS lessons in all 2nd grade classrooms. Mrs. Graves said that we need to write this into the plan with a title and mission statement. Discussion continued about including school counselors in the Young Scholars program to teach leadership skills and advocacy to these referred students.

Mrs. Fronzo requested that a change be made to page 7 to clarify referral versus assessment limitations to one year. The committee agreed to change page 7, B, paragraph 2, last sentence to read "There is no limit to the number of times a student may be referred *for assessment* for gifted services." Mrs. Hock asked that the policy language be updated beginning on page 20 to reflect current policy. Mrs. Hill agreed to work on crosswalking those policies.

5. Gifted Advisory Committee Membership for 2022-2023: Parents provide insight to the programmatic needs and the GAC would love to include representation from each of the local schools and more diversity.

6. GAC Members 2022-2023 - applications to be completed by 6/1/2022

7. Future GAC Meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2022 at 4 PM. Committee members were asked to review pages 14-17 in preparation for the next meeting.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m. with a motion by Mrs. Hock and a second by Mrs. Truitt.