

## Gifted Advisory Committee

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

January 17, 2023

1. Welcome / Call to Order 4:06 p.m.

A. Attendees: Mary Murgas, Amanda Miller, Robin Mitchell, Kristine Hill, Cathy Hoover, and Dustin Pifer.

2. Approval of minutes. Mary Murgas made a motion and Dylan Pifer seconded

3. Updates:

Elementary - Mr. Pifer reported that presentations have been made at all elementary schools to staff on gifted services. MAP testing starting January 24 - February 2 or 3. All 2nd graders will be tested. 96 percentile or above will be considered for gifted eligibility.

Secondary - CGS/CBGS - interviews will be conducted in February and parents notified by the beginning of March. 34 applications for CGS and 8 CBGS. Recently, more applications for CGS than historically. Summer Regional Governor's School program offered annually. This year we have two applicants. All applications are closed now. Fredericksburg Summer Regional Governor's School application will go out in a week. The deadline for the mentor program is March 10th. The deadline for other programs is March 20th. This opportunity is open to students identified gifted only.

4. Review Local Gifted Plan. Mr. Pifer facilitated the updates with the committee for the Local Gifted Plan.

Page 3 in the plan - We do not identify General Intellect. We do not have Career and Technical Aptitude, and Visual and Performing Arts.

Part I - Statement of Philosophy - Definition of Giftedness - Recommended additional development of definition to include evidence of gifted behaviors that are concrete, observable, and measurable. The committee agreed that the measures do not need to be included in the definition but include language that we use a nationally normed ability test, interviews, and portfolios.

Part II - Program Goals and Objectives - Section B - Recommended details on how the program is delivered - High school opportunities (CGS, CBGS, AP, Dual Enrollment, Honors, etc) to be included; center based, full time for grades 3-5. K-2 students who are identified receive services two times a week through pull out. Part D - local professional development - leave as is. Section B - Push in by gifted teachers at all elementary schools. Young Scholars initiative dissipated through COVID. If not doing

Young Scholars, remove it. Replace it with the push in program. Section F - community involvement - commended for specific ways the community is involved.

Part III - Screening Procedure - ways to screen special populations such as ELL students and disadvantaged students. The MAP test is offered in Spanish. If identified as ELL, tests will be offered in native language. Whole group testing in second grade to catch all potential candidates. The committee discussed moving the paragraphs around on page 6 under Section A. Section C - how accurate identification occurs. All educators are trained to know what to look for, enabling them to refer those who are in a special population. Section D - Commended for listing who administers and scores each item. Committee discussed keeping a school psychologist as an aptitude test administrator in case an alternative assessment must be used. The remaining parts will be reviewed at the next meeting.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 5:14 p.m. with a motion by Mrs. Miller and a second by Mr. Pifer.

Meeting Dates:

March 21, 2023

April 18, 2023 if needed

\*Gifted Plan updated for board approval by May 2023.