

**Goochland County Public Schools
Gifted Advisory Committee (GAC)
November 7, 2012
Minutes**

The second quarter meeting of the Gifted Advisory Committee (GAC) was held in the training room of the Goochland County Public Schools Administration Building on November 7, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were members Chair Jennifer Hefner, Sara Worley, Margaret McLemore, Jodie Pillow, Kristie Duncan, Robin Sundstrom and Carolyn McCann. Others present were Jamie-Ellen Spessard, Dr Stephen Geyer, Glenda Hawk, Dianna Gordon, Tina McCay.

Chair Hefner gave an overview on the committee chairs members and the officers needed. She indicated that a vice chair is still needed for the GAC and the Communications Task Force needs a chair. There were no nominations or recommendations for these positions.

GAC Priorities

Chair Hefner indicated that one of the priorities set for the year was to have events to provide parents information on opportunities for their children. Ms. Spessard recommended talking with the school guidance counselors. There was some discussion as to whether posting the information on the new area on the website would be sufficient or if an event is still needed. Chair Hefner indicated that the Communication Task Force needs a Chair who could head up the information gathering and get it to the Schools to post on the website. Jodie Pillow and Kristie Duncan volunteered to work on researching options for parents.

Five Year Plan Update

Dr. Geyer gave an update on the five year plan stating that the Plan is good through 2015 but revisions need to be done annually. Ms. Spessard indicated that future items were included, but the Plan should only include current or existing items. Ms. Spessard stated that that direction is needed from the School Board and from the Superintendent before moving forward. Jodie Pillow recommended adding stronger language to the Plan. Dr. Geyer stated that he will send out the Plan to the GAC members for review.

Communication Update

Dr. Geyer gave an update on the Gifted Programming Task Force. He indicated that a small group will be meeting on December 3rd to discuss the gifted program. He stated that Sandra Crowder, RES principal will be Chairing the task force. Jennifer Hefner will be the GAC representative and representatives from each school will be on the task force. He stated that the purpose would be to clarify what the program is and what it isn't and to develop a road map for where we want the gifted program to go in the next year.

Chair Hefner asked Dr. Geyer to show the Committee the area on the website where the public can post ideas and feedback on their educational experiences. Dr. Geyer showed the Committee the website. It was suggested that Dr. Geyer ask the teachers to post their experiences.

Jodie Pillow recommended that sub-tabs be added to site under Instruction/Curriculum portion of the website to help organize the information. It was also recommended that a link be added to each school's site to help parents find the information easier.

Parent Education Events

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Jodie Pillow indicated that she would like for several Colleges/Universities to come to the schools to speak with the high school and possibly middle school about what is needed to get into different types of schools.

Dr. Geyer stated that he would like to include technical schools, community colleges, military, state, and private schools to target all groups. It was decided that the event should be held in February or late January on a Tuesday or Thursday. Dr. Geyer indicated that he would contact J. Sargent Reynolds, UVA & JMU. Ms. Spessard indicated that she would contact Mary Baldwin.

Public Comment Period

There were no comments from the Public.

Subcommittee and Task Force Updates

Updates on the subcommittees and task forces were given.

Measurement Task Force

The measurement task force is scheduled to meet Wednesday, November 14th at 3:30 p.m.

STEM Advisory Committee

Ms. Hawk gave an update on the STEM camp for the summer and stated that they would like to provide two levels based on age or experiences. She also stated that STEM rooms have been chosen & are in the process of collecting items for the classes.

Honors Committee

There was no update from the Honors committee.

Identification Committee

Ms. Spessard indicated that the identification process may need to be realigned based on task force direction and recommendations.

Communication Task Force

It was decided that Jodie Pillow would chair the communication task force and Jennifer Hefner would also serve on the task force.

Approval of Minutes

Kristie Duncan motioned to approve the minutes from the September 12th meeting. Margaret McLemore seconded the motion and the minutes from the September 12th meeting were approved. It was decided that all minutes and agendas are to be forwarded to Dr. Geyer to post on the school's website.

Adjournment

Being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30p.m.