

**Goochland County Public Schools
Gifted Advisory Committee (GAC)
September 12, 2013
Minutes**

The first quarter meeting of the Gifted Advisory Committee (GAC) was held in the training room of the Goochland County Public Schools Administration Building on September 12, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were members Chair Jennifer Hefner, Sara Worley, Kristie Duncan, Stacy McCray, Susan Cave, and Kelly Wright. Others present were: Raye Rector, Dr. Stephen Geyer, Glenda Hawk, Jaime Ellen Spessard, Erin Yearout-Patton, Margaret Reynolds, Jennifer Smith, Jessica McCourt & Ann Moore.

Elections

Sara Worley nominated Jen Hefner as Chair for the 2013-2014 year. Christy Duncan seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations from the floor. Nomination approved with a unanimous vote by those in attendance.

Jen Hefner nominated Sara Worley as Secretary for the 2013-2014 year. Christy Duncan seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations from the floor. Nomination approved with a unanimous vote by those in attendance.

Jamie-Ellen Spessard nominated Ann Moore as Vice-Chair for the 2013-2014 year. Christy Duncan seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations from the floor. Nomination approved with a unanimous vote by those in attendance.

New Business

2012-2013 Summary – Dr. Geyer

Dr. Geyer gave a presentation summarizing the 2012-2013 accomplishments and outlining the upcoming year's goals. He stressed that the 2012-2013 year was a year of planning and the 2013-2014 year will be a year of implementation.

He reviewed the School Board's adopted vision and purpose - *To maximize the potential of every learner*. He reviewed the values of the school system and the leadership roles from the 2012-2013 school year. He then reviewed the Instructional and Programming aspects of the 2012-2013 year. He talked about the Balanced Assessment Project and how the MAP tests (implemented in 2013-2014) will provide more information on a student's growth. He then reviewed the 2012-2013 professional development for teachers.

He then talked about the goals for the upcoming year. He stated that he hopes to add an additional gifted advisor for the secondary level, update the curriculum site for the secondary level and review the GMS Honors and GHS advanced placement courses. He also stated that he hopes to review the Local Plan, do an analysis of the identification process, provide more communication to parents of gifted children and update the division website.

Chair Hefner questioned the plan for enrichment stating that there was a concern that the enrichment/gifted teachers do not have enough time to do both. Ms. Rector responded that she is also in charge of enrichment and that the two (gifted & enrichment) work together and cannot be separated but she will make sure there is an appropriate balance between the two.

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There was some discussion as to how to let students, parents and other teachers know about the appointment of Ms. Yearout-Patton as the Gifted advisor to the secondary level.

There was some discussion regarding the allocation of Ms. Rector's time to each of her responsibilities.

GAC Priorities for 2013-2014 Year – Jen Hefner

Chair Hefner stated that there will not be time to review the 2013-2014 priorities but asked that everyone review them and provide feedback before the next meeting.

Upcoming Events – Raye Rector

Ms. Rector gave information on the following events:

Governor's Schools Parent Information Night
Thursday, Oct. 3, 6:30 p.m.
GMS Media Center

Representatives from both Maggie L. Walker Governor's School and Blue Ridge Virtual Governor's School will be there to talk about each school's program and the application process.

Virginia Association for the Gifted Conference
October 17-19
Williamsburg Hotel and Conference Center
More information and registration at vagifted.org/conference2013.html.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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