

**Goochland County Public Schools  
Gifted Advisory Committee (GAC)  
November 19, 2013  
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 19, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were members Chair Jennifer Hefner, Ann Moore, Sara Worley, Kristie Duncan, Heather Kemmerly, Stacy McCray, Amy Hall, and Robin Sundstrom. Others present were: Raye Rector, Dr. Stephen Geyer, Lisa Brown, Erin Yearout-Patton, Cynthia Stansberry, and Margaret Reynolds.

**Old Business**

Chair Hefner requested that the GAC continue to review the draft priorities and forward any comments to her.

**New Business**

**Presentation by Ann Moore**

Ann Moore gave a presentation on project based learning. She reviewed what is considered project based learning and gave examples from her teaching career. She reviewed the background, training required, and ways to implement project based learning.

There was some discussion regarding how SOLs can be tied to the project based learning concept and how it actually aids children in remembering the required SOL facts.

**Blue Ridge School Update – Raye Rector**

Ms. Rector presented data on AP performance of the Blue Ridge School students. There was discussion as to why the Spanish and Physics AP exams scores were low and yet Calculus scores were high. The question was raised as to what Goochland could do better to increase the pass rates.

**GMS Honors Criteria Update – Dr. Stephen Geyer**

Dr. Geyer gave a presentation on how GMS plans to change their Honors program. He reviewed items such as allowing for more flexible pathways versus rigid tracks, clearer curricular distinctions, increased rigor that is defined & maintained, clear & ongoing communication, collaborative decision making between student's teachers, and ongoing evaluation of the program.

Dr. Geyer requested input from GAC on GMS honors program. The question was raised if there is room in the accelerated classes to receive students coming out of the Honor's program. Dr. Geyer responded that they are aware of the potential problem and it can be addressed through scheduling.

**Strategic Plan – Dr. Stephen Geyer**

Dr. Geyer reviewed the draft strategic plan with the GAC. He reviewed the values of excellence, creativity, courage, honor & optimism. He then reviewed the goals, objectives, and strategies to

achieve the established goals.

**Public Comment Period**

Erin Yearout-Patton showed the GAC her blog for gifted students at the secondary level.

**Adjournment**

Being no further business before the GAC, the meeting was adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_.

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