

**Goochland County Public Schools
Gifted Advisory Committee (GAC)
January 16, 2014
Minutes**

The third quarter meeting of the Gifted Advisory Committee (GAC) was held in the training room of the Goochland County Public Schools Administration Building on January 16, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were parent members Chair Jennifer Hefner, Sara Worley, Kristie Duncan, Stacy McCray, Amy Hall, Susan Cave, and Robin Sundstrom. Staff members present were: Raye Rector, Ann Moore, Erin Yearout-Patton, and Jaime Ellen Spessard. Others present were: Lisa Brown, Glenda Hawk, Cynthia Stansberry, John Hendron, and Kelli Bratton.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Kristie Duncan, seconded by Sara Worley, the minutes from the November 19th meeting were approved as written (all ayes by those in attendance).

Old Business

Ms. Yearout-Patton stated that her blog that was talked about at the last meeting is now up and running and can be accessed at <http://blogs.gln.k12.va.us/secondarygiftededucation/>.

New Business

Announcements – Raye Rector

Ms. Rector made announcements regarding applications to Governor's schools, ACA, and FLA. She talked about upcoming events and gave an update on the identification process. A detailed listing of her announcements is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Presentation – “STEM curriculum and Teachers in Space” – Kelli Bratton

Ms. Bratton gave a detailed presentation regarding how she is incorporating STEM curriculum in her astronomy class. She reviewed her training and experiences that was required to be able to incorporate the STEM curriculum.

Technical Program for Gifted Students – Discussion

Ms. Rector gave information on the State's definition of the four areas of Gifted ability. She stated that GCPS is currently working on ways to define, identify, and test giftedness in technical aptitude. She went on to say that she cannot find another locality that has already implemented this program and that Bruce Watson will be setting up a committee to dig deeper into this issue.

Public Comment Period

Chair Hefner questioned how do parents know the best course path to direct their children? Governor's school, ACA, AP classes? Ms. Rector responded that colleges want to see good grades at a high rigor. There was some discussion regarding college admission policies and whether colleges would accept the ACA credits. Cynthia Stansberry commented that at least one college is accepting out of state over in state students because of the tuition costs but that they do accept students who have received an associates through the Virginia community colleges. There was also some discussion regarding students taking dual enrollment and AP classes at the same

time to increase their visibility to colleges.

Adjournment

Being no further business before the GAC, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Raye's Announcements, GAC Meeting
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- Application deadlines have passed for MLWGS, BRVGS, ACA, Summer Residential Governor's School and Foreign Language Academies

App #'s

MLWGS	22
BRVGS	43
ACA	45
SRGS	11 (including 5 VPA)
FLA	2

- We are developing a plan to allow students, if accepted, to participate in both BRVGS and ACA.
- Assessment Day at GMS for BRVGS/ACA applicants: Jan. 22nd
- MLWGS students should have received notice of their test day.
- Summer Regional Governor's School (held at MSiC). Gifted middle schoolers may apply. We may send 3 students (1 per grade), and more if slots open up after other counties fill theirs.
- UVA Summer Enrichment applications due Feb. 15
- Conundrum Day, Feb. 8th
- GCPS hosts the regional DI tournament on March 8th.
Team Manager training was held on Oct. 19, appraiser training will be held on Feb. 22nd. (GCPS teachers may receive license renewal points for becoming appraisers.)
- Identification Process work continues:
Visual Arts ID updates are almost completed.
Academic ID updates are expected to be completed by mid-April.
Career and Technical Aptitude ID process is in the beginning stages.
We hope to be able to begin identifying students in the CTA category in Spring 2015.