

Virginia Advisory Committee for the Education of the Gifted
Hanover High School
May 14, 2004

Chair C. Cottrell called the meeting of the Virginia Advisory Committee for the Education of the Gifted (VACEG) to order at 9:00am. VACEG members present for the meeting included Chair C. Cottrell, Vice-Chair J. Leslie, Past Chair G. Hubbard, E. Daniels, E. Brown, N. Ballinger, J. Green, D. Elder, E. Snyder, M. Hall-Haley, L. Mebane, L. Frye, B. McGonagill, R.V. Turner, and J. Marler.

Chair Cottrell opened the meeting with agenda approval. E. Brown moved the agenda approval, and J. Leslie seconded. The agenda was approved.

Chair Cottrell presented the VACEG minutes from the March, 2004, meeting. N. Ballinger moved the minutes approval, and E. Brown seconded. The March minutes were approved.

Chair Cottrell invited each VACEG member to share a brief introduction, including the constituent group(s) each VACEG member represents.

Chair Cottrell noted that during the past two years, VACEG members have worked to develop guidelines for school divisions in the areas of program development and identification of gifted students. During the next two years, VACEG members will work to develop guidelines centered on curriculum for gifted students and delivery of services for gifted students. This year has been a fact-finding year. An in-depth report will be developed for presentation to the Virginia Board of Education in 2005.

To facilitate the VACEG Board's understanding of the issues surrounding curriculum for gifted and delivery of services for gifted, VACEG members were given three documents: *State Policies Regarding Education of the Gifted as Reflected in Legislation and Regulation (Executive Summary)*, *Cross-State Analyses* (for gifted curriculum and gifted delivery of services: comparing IN, NC, PA, SC, and VA), and *Guidelines for Identifying Children with Disabilities: Intellectually Gifted* (TN). Programs for gifted students must have continuous and sequential program options for gifted education.

VACEG Past Chair G. Hubbard reported for the VACEG Nominating Committee. E. Brown will be member-at-large. J. Leslie, present VACEG Vice-Chair, will step down, and J. Green will assume the office of VACEG Vice-Chair. Nominations Committee appointments were moved by L. Frye, seconded by E. Brown, and approved by the VACEG Board.

B. McGonagill gave the Department of Education report.

- VACEG will draft a formal document from the VACEG Nominating Committee for presentation to the Virginia Board of Education in July
- Instructional Technology people want info to be web-based by 2005
- Local Plan for Education of the Gifted is being sent via email to each Coordinator of Gifted Education as is the Peer Review Document
- There is an electronic submission form for Peer Review information
- Many Coordinators of Gifted Education have moved into other positions of opportunity in education, this year, so many coordinators are new to the area of gifted education
- There is an Evaluation Schedule for Governor's Schools for 2004-2005
- Summer Residential Governor's Schools in math, science, and technology will be examined
- The Governor's School for Agriculture is fully articulated
- Governor's Schools for Visual and Performing Arts, Humanities, agriculture, Medicine, and NASA VIMS will have the full number of student participants, this year
- The US Department of Education contacted B. McGonagill about a program funded by a Javitz Grant known as Project Promise
- 14 October is scheduled for new gifted coordinator training
- 15 October is scheduled for the Consortium meeting of Coordinators of Gifted Education

Chair Cottrell thanked B. McGonagill for the Department of Education Report.

The VACEG Board separated into groups for a working lunch.

Chair Cottrell asked VACEG members to review prospective dates for VACEG

meetings in the 2004-2005 school year. Dates agreed on include

24 September, 2004 (Richmond area)

12 November, 2004 (Governor's School)

4 March, 2005 (Governor's School)

13 May, 2005 (Richmond area)

VACEG Sub-Committee Reports

Curriculum Sub-Committee (E. Brown, Chair)

- A framework is needed to guide the curriculum component
- Sub-committee members shared ideas about benchmark indicators in open discussion
- Add theoretical underpinnings and research effectiveness for curriculum
- Make sure curriculum deals with cognitive and affective needs of gifted

Delivery of Services Sub-Committee (G. Hubbard, Chair)

- The particular parts of the report which deal with cluster-grouping, delivery of services and other service mechanisms are embedded in the report

- The sub-committee decided to change the report mechanism from a checklist to a flow chart for facility and ease of understanding
- Indicate options available at each level (elementary, middle school, and high school) for gifted students, including student paths, changes and options offered in different school divisions
- Areas other than academic areas also support gifted education, such as drama, dance, music, and visual arts
- The flow chart will be descriptive rather than prescriptive

Chair Cottrell thanked the sub-committee chairs and VACEG members for their work in the sub-committees.

Chair Cottrell and B. McGonagill presented certificates for service to gifted education in Virginia to VACEG Board members rotating off the VACEG Board. These members included N. Ballinger, E. Brown, E. Daniels, D. Elder, J. Green, J. Leslie, E. Snyder, and R.V. Turner.

Chair Cottrell called for reports from representative groups.
Virginia Association for the Gifted (VAG)

E. Brown reported that Williamsburg student Anna Blackburn won the Nicholas Green Award, which she will receive at NAGC in Washington, DC. The VAG Seminar will be held on 3-4 October, 2004, in Roanoke.

Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA)

E. Daniels reported that VSBA is interested in the work of VACEG and reports from VACEG meetings are filed with VSBA.

Consortium of Coordinators of Gifted Education

N. Ballinger reported that the Consortium will meet in mid-October in Charlottesville. D. Burns and B. McGonagill will address new coordinators.

Directors of Virginia's Academic Year Governor's Schools (AYGS)

C. Cottrell reported that Dr. J. Link-Roberts addressed the AYGS Directors at the spring conference on the issues of equity, excellence, creativity, and advocacy as they apply to standards for gifted education. AYGS Directors are emphasizing joint work with students. Each school division will be invited to bring four gifted students to the VAG Seminar (Roanoke, Oct, 04), and to Thomas Jefferson School (Fairfax) or Maggie L. Walker School (Richmond) in January, 2005. AYGS Directors are planning statewide joint field study trips.

No Public Comment was made.

Chair Cottrell thanked the VACEG Board for their work and for their commitment to Gifted Education in Virginia. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm. The next scheduled VACEG Board meeting will be 24 September, 2004, (Richmond area). No VACEG Executive Board meeting was held.