

Virginia Advisory Committee for the Education of the Gifted  
Maggie L. Walker Governor's School, Richmond, VA  
Minutes  
October 16, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by Chairman Shelia Roalf.

Members Present: Shelia Roalf, Elyse Devereux, Gerri Tylavsky, Ellen Fithian, Mary Jane Mutispaugh, Rebecca Akers, Donna Poland, Diane Naff, Beverly Catlin, Marge Greenfield, Reggie Johns, Judi Greathouse, Pam Flaherty, Carol Horn, Brian Pace, Richard Layman, Patti Davis, Veronica Kouassi, Lennie Routten, Kerri Wilson, Tomica Crosby

The first order of business was the Election of Officers for the 2009-2010 year. The nominees:

President-Brian Pace

Vice President-Beverly Catlin

Secretary-Mary Jane Mutispaugh

The slate of officers was approved unanimously.

Richard Layman moved approval of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ellen Fithian. All were in favor.

Approval of minutes: Judi Greathouse moved and Gerri Tylavsky seconded. All were in favor.

Report from Donna Poland:

- Regulations still on the Governor's desk. Anticipate approval before he leaves office.
- Has done several presentations about the changes in regulations and impact on localities. Virginia Consortium of Gifted Administrators, Governor's Conference on Education, Academic Year Governor's Schools, next week-Virginia Association for the Gifted.
- Local school boards will now have the responsibility to approve local plans and make sure that all required components are included.
- Local school boards will appoint local advisory committee. It should be representative of the community.
- Changes in availability of data: The DOE is working to provide a lot of data to local coordinators that has not been provided in the past. Mostly demographic data and state level data.
- Currently 18 Governor's Schools, the 19<sup>th</sup> Governors School-The Governor's School @ Innovation Park (GS@IP) at George Mason University Prince William campus. Modeled similar to New Horizon's Governor's School (science, math and research focus for half the day). This is the first governor's school to be held on the campus of a 4 year college.
- Funding: No additional cuts to the gifted administrative budget. The budget was cut 50% last year and remains at that level. Will evaluate three academic year governor's school this year with these funds. No summer programs will be evaluated.
- Last year, Christopher Newport hosted the Summer Residential Governor's School for Visual and Performing Arts and Humanities. They will not continue to host the program. Donna will send out an email as soon as another place is secured for next year's programs. Superintendent's Memo is out today announcing application process for all summer residential governor's schools. NASA/VIMS's program is looking for a director.

- Students are now being linked to courses, and teachers. This has an impact for Academic Year Governor's Schools in that teachers need to be qualified for the courses they are teaching. Richard Layman let folks know that highly qualified is being replaced with highly effective. This will be measured by the students' academic growth in a year. Tentatively, if students make one year's growth, the teacher will be considered effective. Similarly, if students make less than a year's growth, the teacher will be considered ineffective. Currently this is only being done with SOLs, and a year's growth cannot be shown. Together with this is the push for the Common Core of national standards. This movement seems to be totally focused on student achievement. Charlottesville is using MAP to track student achievement.
- Working lunch in subcommittees

Members broke into subcommittees to continue work.

Curriculum: Diane, Brian, Mary Jane, Veronica

Identification and Delivery of Services: Carol, Judi, Margee, Reggie

Professional Development and Parent and Community Involvement: Shelia, Rebecca, Gerri, Tomica, Patti

Subcommittee Reports:

Guide to Understanding the Regulations

Phil Thorpe, Elyse Devereux, Richard Layman, Kerri Wilson, Ellen Fithian, Pam Flaherty, Lennie

Reference Guide for the Development and Evaluation of Local Plans for the Education of the Gifted  
Column 2 should say 'Best Practices or Research-Based Best Practices'

Discussion of subcommittee reports and document changes, in particular formatting changes.

- Updates from Members:

Mary Jane Mutispaugh-Jackson River Governor's School has a new director-Mr. Eddie Graham. Mr. Graham is a retired superintendent.

Diane Naff-Engineering format in College Zone in Montgomery County Schools.

Donna Poland- Dr. Felicia Dyke, Director of Middle and High School Instruction, resigned in August.

NAGC is offering WOW (Webinars on Wednesday), free in 2009 but free to members.

Carol Horn-Fairfax has done reorganization, positive change.

Margee Greenfield-Rockingham County middle and high school instructional program reorganization

Judi Greathouse-Frederick County, Coordinator of Gifted Services and Libraries

Reggie Johns-Hampton, more initiative to inform parents about gifted services. Ruth Grillo is new director.

Pam Flaherty-VAG conference next week.

Ellen Fithian-College Planning program for students, parents and faculty at New Horizons Governor's School

Bev Catlin-Consortium held fall meeting, well-attended, many new coordinators with lots of jobs other than gifted. Much work to do with the new regulations.

Elyse Devereux-Working to improve the identification process in Newport News.

Richard Layman-King and Queen County is striving to continue what they have. Very concerned about this coming year and the budget process

Phillip-Maggie Walker has a new director-Fred Morton, retired superintendent., maximum capacity of MLWGS is 713. Currently recruiting for next year. Using Naviance guidance software package. Lenny Routten-Attendance at the Governor's School somewhat disappointing. Isle of White has been invited to join.

Kerri Wilson-VSBA conference in November in Williamsburg.

Patti Davis-Hanover County, new advisory committee more diverse. Reviewing services at middle school, preparing first round of Emerging Scholars. Developing handbook for Gifted and Talented.

Shelia Roalf-Prince George, new superintendent. Middle years IB program was authorized. Region I has the RAFG, happy that we had some voice in the SOQs.

Gerri Tylavsky-York County School of the Arts. Going to the Edinburg Fringe Festival. New Voices Playwriting Workshop. Mary Slade will work with staff in Nov on differentiation

Rebecca Akers-Brunswick is looking at strengthening the identification of the Gifted.

Tomica Crosby-Suffolk had a successful IB program last year.

Veronica Kouassi-Appomattox Governor's School had 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary this fall.

Brian Pace-Academic Year Gov School meeting with legislature during the legislative session. Planning brunch this year. Looking for new venue to present state science projects.

Adjourned at 2:45