

**Virginia Beach City Public Schools
Gifted Education Community Advisory Committee**

The regular meeting of the Gifted Education Community Advisory Committee was held on Monday, September 14, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. in room 113 of the School Administration Building located at 2512 George Mason Drive in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Voting members present: Lisa Burns, Kim Curry, Hugh Greene, MaryAnn Magnant, Leni Pryor, Laurie Steentofte, Victoria Walker, Holly Wilson

Voting members not present: Pam Faber

Ex-Officio members present: Angela Boubouheropoulos, Tricia Campbell, Kelly Hedrick, Becky Wallace

Ex-Officio members not present: Kristen Fraley

Guests present: William Goff, Robin Schumaker, Dr. Jared Cotton, Dr. Heidi Janicki, Dr. Hope White, Dr. Doug Wren, Cristina Estrella (parent), Kari Kiskamp (parent)

- I. Welcome – Introduction(s)
Hugh Greene welcomed the committee members and guests to the Gifted Education Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting. Hugh Greene asked the members to introduce themselves, including the attendance zone they represent, to the guests.
- II. Special Order/Topics
 - A. Public Comments – None
- III. Business Meeting – Call to Order
Hugh Greene called the Gifted Education Community Advisory Committee meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
 - A. Approval of June 2009 Minutes
Laurie Steentofte made a motion to approve the June 8, 2009, minutes as submitted. Kim Curry seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- IV. Unfinished Business
 - A. Set Locations/Topics for 2009-2010 Meetings
Kim Curry made a motion to approve the proposed schedule of meetings and Holly Wilson seconded. The 2009-2010 meeting locations and topics were approved.

Kelly Hedrick provided members with school site visit locations from previous years. A feeder school list for each attendance zone was made available to the CAC members. Hugh Greene asked that each CAC member make at least two site visits. Members are to email Kelly Hedrick with their preferred sites and times by September 30, 2009. Kelly Hedrick requested that visits be made before April 2009.

B. Membership

Holly Wilson and MaryAnn Magnant will review membership nomination forms. The nomination committee will work to balance the ethnic representation of the committee. Nominees will be invited to the October 2009 CAC meeting.

V. New Business

A. K-12 Gifted Program Evaluation

Dr. Jared Cotton, assistant superintendent of the Department of Research, Evaluation and Assessment (REA), along with the evaluation team comprised of Dr. Heidi Janicki, Dr. Hope White, and Dr. Doug Wren, were present at the CAC meeting in order to update the committee on the progress of the K-12 Gifted Education Program Evaluation. Evaluation team members presented the committee with an overview and the progress of the REA evaluation of gifted education in Virginia Beach City Public Schools. The evaluation was based on goals and objectives of the evaluation readiness report. The Department of Research, Evaluation and Assessment is assisting the Office of Gifted Education to define those goals and objectives.

Dr. Hope White explained that by evaluating the students and seeing if the goals are being met, REA can improve upon the focus of the evaluation. The document, Gifted Education Delivery of Services Models, was made available to the CAC members. Dr. Hope White stated that each model had unique challenges in evaluating and making the goals measurable.

In order to evaluate the effectiveness of the program, Dr. Heidi Janicki and the team started with broad goals, asking, "What would a successful gifted program look like?" Dr. Heidi Janicki gave each CAC member a draft of the Gifted Education Program Evaluation Goals and Objectives. Dr. Heidi Janicki asked that members focus on the process goals and the outcome goals and she welcomed feedback from each CAC member.

Dr. Doug Wren explained the quantitative and qualitative processes of the evaluation. The evaluation data will be based on what instruments REA uses now and what instruments REA may add. Classroom

observations, literature review, student goals and assessment evaluations, along with other instruments will be used.

Kelly Hedrick asked that the members review the goals and objectives and email her by September 24, 2009, with their recommendations or comments on the plan. Hugh Greene asked that the members be focused and attentive to this document in the event that it is necessary to address any goal or objective in the report to the School Board. Kelly Hedrick and Hugh Greene thanked the evaluation team for their knowledge and level of professionalism.

B. From the Floor

Hugh Greene announced that there will be a 60-minute meeting with the School Board on October 20, 2009. The first part of the meeting will be in a social format and the second part of the meeting will be a business format.

VI. Adjournment

MaryAnn Magnant made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lisa Burns seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sandra Gizzi
Recording Secretary