

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

The regular meeting of the Gifted Education Community Advisory Committee was held on Monday, November 14, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in room 113 at the School Administration Building located at 2512 George Mason Drive in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

***Voting members present:*** Lisa Burns, Hugh Greene, MaryAnn Magnant, Helen Pryor, Laurie Steentofte, Victoria Walker

***Voting members not present:*** Shekita Howard, Robert Rivera

***Ex-Officio members present:*** Elizabeth Albarado, Kelly Hedrick, Tonia McCree, Rosie O'Neill, Beth Schlossberg, Matthew Wrocklage

***Guests:*** William Goff, II (Instructional Specialist, Virginia Beach City Public Schools), Namal Gunawansa (Portsmouth Public Schools), Sarath Gunawansa (Co-Chair Secondary, Portsmouth Public Schools), Jennifer Hicks (Co-Chair Elementary, Portsmouth Public Schools), Beverly Jackson (Supervisor, Portsmouth Public Schools), Melanie James (Chairperson, Portsmouth Public Schools), Bonnie Johnson (Chairperson, Norfolk Public Schools), Barbara Kennedy (Coordinator, Virginia Beach City Public Schools), Kym Pool (Chairperson, Chesapeake Public Schools), Debbie Redmond (parent, Virginia Beach City Public Schools), Robin Schumaker (Coordinator, Virginia Beach City Public Schools), Sarah Rhodes (Supervisor, Chesapeake Public Schools), Robin Thomas (parent, Virginia Beach City Public Schools)

- I. Welcome – Social
- II. Special Order/Topics
  - A. Introductions

Hugh Greene welcomed the committee members and guests to the Gifted Education Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting.
  - B. Public Comments – None
- III. Business Meeting – Call to Order

Hugh Greene called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

  - A. Approval of October 10, 2011 Minutes

Victoria Walker made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Helen Pryor seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- IV. Unfinished Business
  - A. Membership – *tabled*
- V. New Business
  - A. Discussion

Hugh Greene and Laurie Steentofte facilitated an overview of the processes and activities that are in place in the Virginia Beach City Public Schools (VBCPS) for the Gifted

Education Community Advisory Committee. Varied topics include:

- Site visits that the CAC takes part in throughout the school year have made great strides in the knowledge of the CAC members.
- At least one member of the CAC served on each section of the Local Plan development.
- The VBCPS Gifted Community Advisory Committee schedules a collaborative review of the summary of the Local Plan activities along with the debriefing of site visits in April and May.
- The CAC members also collaboratively develop and deliver the yearly recommendations to the School Board.
- Monthly presentations on topics of information are scheduled throughout the year.

Helen Pryor made a motion to extend the meeting. Lisa Burns seconded the motion. The meeting was extended.

A question and answer session was held. Hugh Greene asked that a collaborative effort be made by the invited CAC members to meet once a year to discuss ideas to improve advocacy for gifted learners.

B. From the Floor

VI. Adjournment

MaryAnn Magnant made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Helen Pryor seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sandra Gizzi  
Recording Secretary