

Virginia Beach City Public Schools Community Advisory Committee for Gifted Education

The regular meeting of the Community Advisory Committee for Gifted Education (CAC) was held on **November 22, 2022** at 6:30 p.m., at **Salem Middle School's Library** and via Zoom.

Attendance:

Voting Members Present:

Jennifer McKendree - *Chairperson*, Kerwin Kolheffer – *Co-chairperson*, Rachel Copeland, Whitney Harding, Brittany Horn, Allison Krug, Kristina Laber, Morgan Morrison, Justin Nichols, Tonya Rivers, Frances Thompson, Rachel Wynegar

Voting Members Absent:

Olga Eskinazi

Non-Voting Members/Ex-Officio Members Present:

Dr. Dornswalo Wilkins-McCorey - *Coordinator, Office of Gifted Programs*, **Angela Boubouheropoulos** - *Coordinator, Office of Gifted Programs*, **Meghann Scott** - *Instructional Specialist, Office of Gifted Programs*, **Leslie Wildman** - *Ex-Officio, Elementary Gifted Resource Teacher*, **Cat Gadzinski** - *Ex-Officio, Arts*, **Melody Cariello** – *Ex-Officio, School Counseling*

Non-Voting Members/Ex-Officio Members Absent:

Dr. Nicole DeVries - *Director of K-12 and Gifted Programs*, **Laura Purvis** - *Ex-Officio, Middle School Gifted Resource Teacher*, **Anne Marzitello** - *Ex-Officio, High School Gifted Resource Teacher*, **Ava Ibanez** - *Student Representative (Landstown HS)*

Guests:

Jennifer Franklin - *VBCPS School Board*

Quorum Present: YES

Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome – Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jennifer McKendree. Jennifer McKendree welcomed visitors and members. Visitors were introduced.

2. Special Order/Topics
 - a. **World Languages Overview – Kelly Arble, Coordinator, K-12 World Languages**

Ms. Arble gave the CAC an overview of the World Languages and Dual Enrollment programs. This included the language requirements for graduation, the language offerings at middle and high school and an overview of the Global Studies and World Languages Academy (GSWLA) program. There was information about advanced opportunities for students not in the GSWLA. There are summer language opportunities including SRGS World Languages Program and StarTalk. Ms. Arble also discussed the dual language immersion (DLI) programs at five elementary schools and two middle schools. Students must live in the attendance zone and admission is via a lottery. There are gifted cluster dual

immersion classes at Alanton, Christopher Farms, and Trantwood. Since Cooke and Bayside ES are just starting with first grade this year, there will be cluster classes for dual immersion students once they have identified students in the program. Ms. Arble concluded with information about a DoDEA grant which the division received to expand the DLI programs.

b. 2020-2025 Local Plan for the Education of the Gifted Overview – Dr. Dornswalo Wilkins-McCorey and Angela Boubouheropoulos, Coordinators – Office of Gifted Programs

Dr. Wilkins-McCorey and Ms. Boubouheropoulos gave an overview of the process for developing the local plan. This involves all stakeholders (e.g., parents, CAC members, GRTs, school staff, Title I, Special Education, Department of School Leadership, etc.) They discussed each of the parts of the plan (Identification, Delivery of Services, Professional Development, Equitable Representations, and Parent and Community Involvement) and how it relates to gifted services in Virginia Beach City Public Schools.

3. VBCPS CAC Regular Meeting Business - Jennifer McKendree
 - a. Business Meeting - Call to Order – Jennifer McKendree, CAC Chairperson
 - b. Approval of **September** minutes
 - a. Morgan Morrison made the motion and Whitney Harding seconded. All voting members approved.
 - c. Site Visit Report Summary Sharing (Reports are available to CAC members on the Shared Google Drive)
 - a. Kerwin Kolheffer - Bayside 7/8 MS
 - b. Alli Krug – Landstown HS
 - c. Brittany Horn – Plaza MS
 - d. Whitney Harding – Lynnhaven ES
 - e. Additional report sharing was tabled until the January meeting.
 - d. Meghann Scott reminded members about the Gifted Parent Webinar on November 29 on the topic of Executive Function. She asked all members to consider participating in a zoom interview on the topic of how they as parents helped their children with executive functioning. She said she would send out an email the following day with more information.

4. Adjournment: **8:03 p.m.**
 - a. Kerwin Kolheffer made the motion to adjourn, and Frances Thompson seconded. All voting members approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

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