

Virginia Beach City Public Schools
Community Advisory Committee for Gifted Education

The regular meeting of the Community Advisory Committee for Gifted Education (GCAC) was held on January 8, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., at King's Grant Elementary School, 612 N. Lynnhaven Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23452.

Attendance:

Voting Members Present (P), Virtual (V) or Absent (A):

Kerwin Kolheffer – *Chairperson*, P
Jennifer McKendree, P
Rachel Copeland, P
Whitney Harding, P
Allison Krug - *Co-Chairperson*, P
Morgan Morrison, P
Justin Nichols, P
Olga Eskinazi, P
Brittany Horn, P
Frances Thompson, V
Sierra Williams, A

Non-Voting Members/Ex-Officio Members Present (P) or Absent(A):

Dr. Lorena Kelly – *Executive Director of Elementary, DTAL*, P
Dr. Crystal Wilkerson - *Director of K-12 and Gifted Programs*, P
Dr. Dornswalo Wilkins-McCorey - *Coordinator, Office of Gifted Programs*, P
Angela Boubouheropoulos - *Coordinator, Office of Gifted Programs*, P
Meghann Scott - *Instructional Specialist, Office of Gifted Programs*, P
Becky Winslow - *Ex-Officio, Elementary Gifted Resource Teacher*, P
Jamie Odle - *Ex-Officio, Middle School Gifted Resource Teacher*, A
Dr. Missy Sullivan - *Ex-Officio, High School Gifted Resource Teacher*, P
Cat Gadzinski - *Ex-Officio, Arts*, P
Melody Cariello – *Ex-Officio, School Counseling*, A
Zoey Hulatt - *Student Representative*, A

Quorum Present: Yes

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order: **6:32 pm**

1. Welcome – Mr. Kolheffer, Chairperson, and Dr. Wilkerson, Department of Teaching and Learning, welcomed visitors and members.

2. Business Meeting

- a. Meeting called to order: 6:34 p.m.
- b. Review and discussion of meeting minutes from November 13, 2023.
- c. Motion to amend November 13, 2023, minutes to add “A matrix could be used but will not solve all of the problems of equitable representation.” Krug, Kolheffer 2nd. Vote: AYE – Kolheffer, McKendree, Copeland, Harding, Krug, Morrison, Nichols, Eskinazi, Horn. ABSTAIN – (Thompson – virtual vote).
- d. Motion to approve November 13, 2023, minutes as amended: Kolheffer, Morrison 2nd. Vote: AYE – Kolheffer, McKendree, Copeland, Harding, Krug, Morrison, Nichols, Eskinazi, Horn. ABSTAIN – (Thompson).
- e. Site visit debriefs tabled until the February meeting due to time constraints.
- f. Discuss of Old Donation School (ODS)
 1. Topics discussed included the mission statement of ODS, procedures for gifted identification and ODS selection, local and national norms for ODS, and student scoring.
 2. Breakout session by tables - Discuss the overall role that ODS should play within the educational framework of VBCPS and then explore how students should be selected for ODS.
- g. Motion to extend meeting until 8:10 p.m.: Kolheffer, Nichols 2nd. Vote: AYE – Unanimously passed.
- h. Continued whole group discussion improving ODS Program Selection.
- i. Motion to extend meeting until 8:30 p.m.: Kolheffer, Eskinazi 2nd. Vote: AYE – Unanimously passed.
- j. Motion to recommend to using 1-5 scale verse 1-4 for ODS Selection: Kolheffer, Harding 2nd. Vote: AYE – Unanimously passed.
- k. Motion to recommend retaining individual scores, not ranking by consensus: Kolheffer, Krug 2nd. Vote: AYE – Kolheffer, McKendree, Harding, Krug, Morrison, Eskinazi, Horn, (Thompson - virtual). ABSTAIN – Copeland, Nichols. Passed with majority.
- l. Motion to extend meeting until 8:42 p.m.: Kolheffer, McKendree 2nd. Vote: AYE – Kolheffer, McKendree, Harding, Krug, Morrison, Eskinazi, Horn, Copeland, Nichols, (Thompson). Passed with majority.
- m. Motion to accept Sierra Williams’s (Bayside feeder zone) resignation due to lack of meeting attendance: Kolheffer, McKendree 2nd. Vote: AYE – Kolheffer, McKendree, Harding, Krug, Morrison, Eskinazi, Horn, Copeland, Nichols, (Thompson).

3. Adjournment: 8:42 p.m. Motion: Kolheffer, McKendree 2nd.

Next Meeting: February 5, 2023

Indian Lakes Elementary School,
1240 Homestead Dr,
Virginia Beach, VA 23464

Respectfully Submitted,
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