

## **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 13, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., at Plaza Annex.

### **Attendance:**

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#### **Voting Members Present (P) 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, A  
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*, A  
**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*, P  
**Dr. Missy Sullivan** - *Ex-Officio, High School Gifted Resource Teacher*, P  
**Cat Gadzinski** - *Ex-Officio, Arts*, A  
**Melody Cariello** – *Ex-Officio, School Counseling*, P  
**Zoey Hulatt** - *Student Representative (Tallwood HS)*, A

#### **Visitors/Guests:**

Danielle Hall-McIvor- *School Board Attorney*

**Quorum Present:** Yes

#### **Meeting Minutes**

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Meeting called to order: 6:30 pm

1. Welcome – Mr. Kolheffer, Chairperson, and Dr. Wilkerson, Department of Teaching and Learning, welcomed visitors and members.
2. Special Topics and Information –
  - a. Ms. Horn, CAC Member – Program Assessment -Presented Best Practices and Resources via Google and ERIC

- b. Dr. Jonathan Plucker- Professor of Education, John Hopkins School of Education - via Zoom  
Dr. Plucker provided a summary of his consultation with VBCPS in 2019 on the equity issues in gifted identification as associated with Old Donation School. He reviewed his takeaways and overall recommendations for the division in response to his observations and input received from stakeholders. Dr. Plucker then opened the floor to the GCAC for questions. During this time, he shared considerations with the group. He cautioned the use of a matrix approach during identification and selection processes. A matrix could be used but will not solve all problems of equitable representation. Dr. Plucker shared he hasn't found a school district that was overidentifying gifted students and felt local norm approaches seem better to support diversity and services. When considering clustering, Dr. Plucker shared you must look at the data to work through clustering models. He noted a lottery is the best answer if there are not enough slots.
- c. Discussion and debrief with table discussions.
  - Best practices vs budget
  - Mindset shift
  - Purpose of ODS

### 3. Business Meeting

- a. Meeting called to order: 7:50 p.m.
- b. Motion to approve October 2, 2023, meeting minutes: Kolheffer, Krug 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote: AYE - Unanimous. Kolheffer abstained – not in attendance at the October 2, 2023, meeting.
- c. Site Visits - Dr. Wilkerson shared a form with a QR code and asked members to select four options for site visits by Wednesday, November 15, 2023, in order for members to have completed at least one site visit before the school board retreat in January. The visits will be 30 minutes total – 10 minutes in classroom and 20 minutes with GRT/school admin/Office of Gifted Programs staff to debrief and discuss afterwards. The goal is for each member to complete two site visits during the 23-24 school year, one of which needs to be in their feeder school pattern.
- d. Potential bylaw amendments – Members were asked to think of any potential bylaw amendments they would like to see and to email Mr. Kolheffer or Mrs. Krug with ideas. (i.e., subcommittees)
- e. Vacancies for the committee – currently two open seats.  
Motion to contact applicants and to look at the applications submitted in spring 2023 at next meeting: Krug, Kolheffer, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote: AYE – Unanimous.
- f. Committee members were given data regarding Military gifted student demographics for VBSPS.

### 4. Adjournment: 8:01p.m. Motion: Kolheffer, Krug 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **Next Meeting: January 8, 2023**

King's Grant Elementary School  
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Respectfully Submitted,  
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