

Gifted Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
 FCPS Administration Building – Wright Board Room
November 28, 2022

Call to order: The quarterly meeting of the Frederick County Public Schools Gifted Advisory Committee was held on November 28, 2022 in the Wright Board Room in the FCPS Administration Building. The meeting was convened at 7:01 p.m. by J. Greathouse, Supervisor of Tiered Systems of Supports (GT & EL).

Members in attendance:

School	Representative
Admiral Richard E. Byrd Middle School	J. Fauver
Apple Pie Ridge Elementary School	K. Sheikh
Armel Elementary School	S. Gregg
Bass-Hoover Elementary School	Absent
Evendale Elementary School	Absent
Frederick County Middle School	Absent
Gainesboro Elementary School	Absent
Greenwood Mill Elementary School	K. Nagy
Indian Hollow Elementary School	K. Frost
James Wood High School	Absent
James Wood Middle School	T. Markwood
Jordan Springs Elementary School	R. Manyam
Middletown Elementary School	Absent
Millbrook High School	T. Knight
Orchard View Elementary School	Absent
Redbud Run Elementary School	R. Axmacher
Robert E. Aylor Middle School	Absent
Sherando High School	S. Sommerfeld
Stonewall Elementary School	Absent
Gifted Resource Teacher Representative	A. Mohr
Gifted Visual Teacher Representative	L. Wade
School Counseling Representative	K. Wilbourne
Supervisor of Gifted Services and Libraries	J. Greathouse
Director of Middle and Secondary Instructional Services	Absent

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm.

- Welcome by J. Greathouse.

Orientation

- There are no federal guidelines for the gifted programs.
- Code of VA-Law that governs gifted education in VA
- VA Regulations for Governing the Education of the Gifted
 - We must have an annual report and identify eligible students using multiple criteria.
- FCPS 2017-2023 Local Plan for the Education of the Gifted
 - In the past, the committee focused on revising the *Local Plan* which needs to be rewritten/updated for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Gifted Advisory Committee Bylaws reviewed

Purpose of the Gifted Advisory Committee

- Located at the bottom of the agenda.

Approval of Agenda

- A motion was made by J. Fauver and seconded by K. Wilbourne, and the agenda for this meeting was approved.

Approval of Minutes

- A motion was made by T. Markwood and seconded by K. Sheikh, and the minutes of the May 9, 2022 meeting were approved.

Chair's Report

- The 2021-2022 annual report from the Gifted Advisory Committee to the Instruction Committee of the FCPS School Board was shared.

Reports from Members/Representative Groups

Gifted Resource Teacher Representative A. Mohr, reported the following for gifted academic programs in FCPS schools:

Elementary

- The elementary gifted classes have been working on the concept of change focusing on change in science and forensics.
- The elementary school Gifted Resource Teachers (GRT) continue to work on evaluations and transfers that continuously roll in.
- Scheduling Discovery classes has become increasingly difficult at the elementary level as chorus, gifted art, STEM, DARE, counselors, and students spread between multiple classrooms and continue to evolve.

Middle

- Problem Solving, Research, and Independent Study in Middle School (PRISMS) Showcase will be at Admiral Richard E. Byrd Middle School on December 16, 2022, from 10:30 am to 12 noon.
- The middle school GRTs are requesting ideas from parents about how to promote PRISMS, which is a research class teaching mature strategies and data analysis. It is a challenging course and increasingly not a popular elective choice due to "difficulty" and/or other electives with high school credit. Also, the scheduling of middle school elective choices has become inconsistent

across middle schools.

High School

- The dates for the Gifted Independent Study (GIS) Showcases are noted below. Because seating is limited, attendance is by invitation only.
 - James Wood - 12/8
 - Millbrook - 12/9
 - Sherando - 12/14

Gifted Visual Art Teacher Representative L. Wade, reported the following for gifted visual art programs in FCPS schools:

Gifted visual art services are offered in grades 3-8.

- Screening is ongoing at this time for this year.
- Most gifted visual art evaluations are completed in the spring.

Supervisor of Tiered Systems of Supports (GT & EL), J. Greathouse, reported the following for Governor's schools:

All governor's school programs are tuition-free and must include at least three school districts and a college or university

- **Blue Ridge Regional Environmental Governor's School (BREGS)**
 - Program is for rising 6th to 9th grade students who are eligible for gifted services.
 - Usually takes place the last two weeks of June.
 - Division pays for 10 seats and we try for some of the at-large seats.
 - 14 FCPS students accepted for Summer 2021 program plus 4 interns
- **Performing and Visual Arts Northwest (PAVAN)**
 - Program is for rising 9th to 12th grade students. All students can apply, regardless of eligibility for gifted services.
 - Usually takes place for two weeks in July.
 - Program includes four disciplines - guitar, theater, voice, and visual arts.
- **Summer Residential Governor's School programs**
 - These programs include world languages, mentorships, academic disciplines and visual and performing arts.
 - Students apply and are selected from across the state.
- **Mountain Vista Academic-Year Governor's School for Science, Mathematics, and Technology (MVGS)**
 - This is a 3-year, half-day program.

School Counseling Representative, K. Wilbourne, reported the following for school counseling programs in FCPS schools:

FCPS Testing Schedule was shared.

High School Testing

- **SOL**
 - 11th graders take the Reading SOL
 - Writing SOL given in March
 - All other tests are in May
 - Any seniors still needing to pass an SOL will test in December.
 - Algebra I, Biology and World History test are the main SOL's.
- **PSAT**
 - Was given in October. It was available to any student who signed up. (Mainly 9th - 11th graders).
- **ASVAB**
 - Is a test for military but also like a Career Exploration test. 11th and 12th grade sign up and will be given on January 18th for Millbrook Students. Sherando gave it in October and will give it again in March. JWHS is not giving it.
- **AP**
 - All testing is in May
- **Testing Sites**
 - Millbrook is a test center for both the SAT and ACT and this is ongoing.
 - JWHS is a test center for SAT and this is ongoing.
 - Sherando is not a test site.

Middle School Testing

- **SOL**
 - Writing will be in March
 - All others in May
- **SGA**
 - Completed in September
- **IReady/ISTation**
 - Screeners - ongoing

Elementary School Testing

- **SOL**
 - Will occur in May
- **PAL's**
 - September: 1st/2nd grades
 - October: Kindergarten
 - January for students who are identified
- **SGA's**
 - Completed in October and again in January
- **ELL**
 - Completed annually once a year. This year is January 17th through March 17th.

Director of Middle and Secondary Instruction, J. Myers, reported the following (presented by J. Greathouse):

- Program of Studies for 2023-2024 will be available on the FCPS website soon

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- **Election of officers**
 - Chair - R. Benson
 - Vice Chair - J. Fauver
 - Secretary - _____

Announcements

- **Save the Date**
 - The 2023 FCPS Virtual Art Showcase - May 10, 2023 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm
- **PRISMS Showcase** - Admiral Richard E. Byrd Middle School on December 16, 2022, from 10:30 am to 12 noon
- **GIS Showcases** - by invitation only

Public Comment

- None

Future Meetings

- January 30, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Wright Board Room at the FCPS Administration Building
- March 27, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Wright Board Room at the FCPS Administration Building
- May 8, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Wright Board Room at the FCPS Administration Building

Adjournment

J. Fauver made the motion to adjourn the meeting and it was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith P. Greathouse, Ed. D.

Executive Committee Meeting—Did not meet.