

Gifted Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

FCPS Administration Building – Wright Board Room

April 8, 2024

Call to order: The quarterly meeting of the Frederick County Public Schools Gifted Advisory Committee was held on April 8, 2024 in the James Wood Middle School library. The meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m. by Ms. S. Andrews, Chairperson.

Members in attendance:

School	Representative
Admiral Richard E. Byrd Middle School	Jenna Fauver
Apple Pie Ridge Elementary School	Khalid Sheikh
Armel Elementary School	Stephanie Gregg
Bass Hoover Elementary School	Rheannon Akers
Evendale Elementary School	Absent
Frederick County Middle School	Lexy Lowery
Gainesboro Elementary School	Absent
Greenwood Mill Elementary School	Absent
Indian Hollow Elementary School	Dawn Guardado
James Wood High School	Anne Linton
James Wood Middle School	T. Markwood
Jordan Springs Elementary School	Absent
Middletown Elementary School	M. Guntang
Millbrook High School	Absent
Orchard View Elementary School	Julie Miller
Redbud Run Elementary School	Absent
Rober E. Aylor Middle School	Absent
Sherando High School	Stacey Sommerfield
Stonewall Elementary School	Ashlee Hawse
Gifted Resource Teacher Representative	Mary Margaret Wilson
Gifted Visual Teacher Representative	L. Bibb
School Counseling Representative	K. Wilbourne
Supervisor of Tiered Systems of Supports & Gifted Services	J. Greathouse
Director of Middle and Secondary Instructional Services	Absent
School Administrator, High School and Chairperson	Shelly Andrews
School Administrator, Middle School	J. Rowan
School Administrator, Elementary School	Absent
Guest	Elizabeth Koren
Guest	Serena Omps

Welcome and Call to Order: 7:00 pm – Ms. Andrews, Chairperson

Purpose of the Gifted Advisory Committee:

Located at the bottom of the agenda.

Approval of Agenda: Ms. Andrews

- A motion was made by K. Shaikh and seconded by A. Lowery

Approval of Minutes: Ms. Andrews

- Motion to approve minutes was made by M. Wilson and seconded by J. Fauver

Reports from Members/Representatives Groups:

Gifted Resource Teacher - Ms. Wilson

- Finishing evaluations before SOLs begin
- End of year showcases scheduled by the gifted resource teacher for each school

Gifted Visual Arts - Ms. Bibb

- Testing is complete; Gifted committee meetings are underway; wrapping up before SOLs
- Spring Art shows and resource nights are happening throughout the county at different schools

Governor's Schools - Dr. Greathouse

- BREGS (Blue Ridge Environmental Governor's School) – 15 Students were invited to attend the Summer 2024 BREGS program; decision letters were sent March 22, 2024, with decisions due April 12, 2024
- PAVAN (Performing and Visual Arts Northwest)- will be held in July at Sherando High School - Application auditions have been reviewed and decision letters will be sent around April 15, 2024
- SRsGS (Summer Residential Governor's School) – 8 academic applications submitted (6 for Math, Science, & Technology/ 1 for JLAB (engineering internship/1 for Agriculture) – 5 visual and performing arts applications submitted (2 for vocal music / 3 for visual arts) – student will receive decision letters in mid-April
- MVGS (Mountain Vista Academic-Year Governor's School) – the selection committee will meet on April 10, 2024 – we have 17 seats to fill and some at large seats

Counselors - Ms. Wilbourne

- Same as last meeting, no changes. Refer to minutes from the January GAC meeting - getting ready to go into "testing mode" for SOLs – writing in April, the rest are in May

Chairperson – Ms. Andrews

Gives Administrative update in Dr. Myers's absence. Grading coalition continues to meet, next meeting April 24th 3:30, will be looking at non cognitive factors, engagement, diligence, responsibility, behavior – also working in budget season

Unfinished Business: Ms. Andrews

Review what GAC members worked on at last meeting – notes provided from activity at last meeting – reviewed items that committee identified that we want to Aspire, Act, and Advocate on regarding Identification, Delivery of Services, Curriculum and Instruction, Professional Development, Equitable Representation of Students, Parent and Community Involvement

Dr. Greathouse shares there is a new website platform in the works for FCPS – should help with Gifted Services visibility

New Business:

Dr. Greathouse leads GAC members in an Activity to explore and analyze Part 7 of the *Local Plan* – Group members utilize handout provided to record one sentence that stands out, one phrase that moves/engages/provokes, and one word. GAC members discuss their feedback in small groups and report out.

Small Group Reports –

1. Outcomes – what are we expecting these to be, how are they measured? Process vs outcomes
2. Resources do not allow for differentiation in curriculum and instruction to occur as needed
3. Mindfulness – mindful of the needs, and resources required to meet the needs, need to fill needs of teachers for professional development in these areas
4. Experiences and diversity – gifted experiences – are we diverse enough to expose them to enough experiences to help them grow? – maximum potential, cooperative effort – do teachers know what differentiated is needed?
5. Integration and collaboration – are we collaborative enough, teachers and parents, school administrators/counselors

Dr Greathouse reminds the GAC members: *The Local Plan* is a “plan” - not that we are there, but where we want to be – She shares with the group about an article she has provided to the members how to advocate for gifted students – in Frederick County Schools, there about 800 of 14,000 students who are eligible for gifted services in this school system – 4% to 8% of students – we are a small group – we need to advocate.

Announcements: Ms. Andrews

- Highlights announcements and event dates as printed on agenda – reminder of next meeting date – Monday May 13, 7:00PM, Wright Board Room at FCPS Administration Building
- Time offered for questions/discussion – none

Public Comment: None

Adjournment:

7:49

- Motion to adjourn by A. Lowery and seconded by Ms. Wilbourne

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiffany Markwood

Executive Committee Meeting: Did not meet