

VBCPS Gifted Community Advisory Committee Meeting

October 7, 2024
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Plaza Annex – Professional Development Center, Room B
641 Carriage Hill Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Attendance:

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

Cathy Smith (At Large - Kellam), P
Amanda Ash (At Large - Princess Anne), A
Holly Edwards (Bayside), P
Olga Eskinazi (Cox), A
Whitney Harding (Cox), P
Holly Bennett (First Colonial), P
Brittany Horn (Green Run), P
Chanel Minter (Kempsville), P
Frances Thompson (Landstown) – Co-Chairperson, P
Alli Krug (Ocean Lakes) – Chairperson, P
Morgan Morrison (Salem), A
Rachel Copeland (Salem), P
Samuel Levin (Tallwood), P

PRESENT= 10 voting members, ABSENT= 3 voting members
Quorum = Yes

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

Barbara Kimpan – Ex Officio, Elementary Gifted Resource Teacher, P
Lori Wilson - Ex Officio, Middle School Gifted Resource Teacher, P
Dr. Missy Sullivan - Ex Officio, High School Gifted Resource Teacher, A
Kelsey Seibert – Ex Officio, School Counseling, P
Louis Castiglioni - Gifted Visual Arts Rotating Representative, P
Kelsie Manugo - Student Representative, A
Kenul Vantwest - Student Representative, P

Office of K-12 and Gifted Programs Staff:

Dr. Crystal Wilkerson, Angela Boubouheropoulos, Meghann Scott and Marie Rousseau

Guests:

Jennifer Franklin, VBCPS School Board Member
Michael Callan, VBCPS School Board Member

Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome – Alli Krug, *Chairperson*, and Dr. Crystal Wilkerson, *Director, K-12 and Gifted Programs* welcomed visitors and members.
2. Business Meeting Business meeting
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Motion to commence the GCAC meeting at 6:05 pm. Motion: Krug, Levin 2nd. Vote: Aye Unanimous.
 - c. Review Sept. 9, 2024, minutes.
 - i. Motion to discuss September 9, 2024, GCAC Minutes. Motion: Krug, Levin 2nd. Vote: Aye Unanimous.
 - ii. Motion to accept September 9, 2024, GCAC Minutes. Motion: Krug, Smith 2nd. Vote: 9 Aye (Krug, Copeland, Minter, Horn, Harding, Smith, Levin, Edwards, Thompson, Bennett); 1 Abstain (Smith – Absent for 9-9-24 meeting)
 - d. GCAC Bylaws
 - i. Motion to open the GCAC Bylaws discussion. Motion: Krug, Edwards 2nd. Vote: Aye Unanimous.
 - ii. Motion to receive a redline copy and defer the vote of the GCAC. Motion: Krug, Levin 2nd. Vote: Aye Unanimous.
 - e. Gifted Data Update: Introduction by Dr. Wilkerson / Slide presentation
 - f. Requesting Data Discussion: Round table discussion by all committee members
Recommendations to capture in the minutes
 - Parent outreach best practices - perhaps buddying up potential new parents with those who have children in the gifted program already to help them understand the process.
 - Research best practices - Parkway was able to boost its gifted numbers - what did they do?
 - GRT outreach to parents - explaining how gifted looks for children who remain at the home school and how that changes over the years so that parents have an understanding of what the program offers.
Barriers to gifted referral and identification issues to capture in the minutes
 - Perception that I won't get in anyway will affect how the child approaches testing.
 - Desire not to break away from community/neighborhood school.
 - Test didn't capture interest; did not finish. (How common is this by disaggregated groups? We should be able to get test completion data and cut it up to see where the pipeline is leaking.)
 - Those interested in sports might differentially opt out vs those who are not interested in sports (no desire to go to ODS).

- g. Office of Planning, Innovation, and Accountability (PIA) Data and Analysis Request Form.
 - i. What does the word Fidelity mean and why is it in the Local plan?
 - ii. How was the Local plan implemented?
 - iii. Looking at data from each school, ratios on racial diversity.
 - iv. Group discussion (turn and talk) about “What do you want to know?”
 - v. Group share/discussion
 - h. Motion to move continued discussion of data to the next meeting: Krug, Harding, 2nd. Vote: Aye Unanimous.
3. Motion to adjourn the GCAC meeting (7: 32 pm): Krug, Levin 2nd. Vote: Aye Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Next Meeting: November 4, 2024
At
Plaza Annex, Room 1
641 Carriage Hill Road, Virginia Beach 23452