

Virginia Advisory Committee for the Education of the Gifted
Maggie L. Walker Governor's School, Richmond, VA
Minutes
February 19, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 am by Chairman Brian Pace.

Members Present: Mary Jane Mutispaugh, Rebecca Akers, Donna Poland, Diane Naff, Beverly Catlin, Judi Greathouse, Pam Flaherty, Carol Horn, Brian Pace, Patti Davis, Veronica Kouassi, Kerri Wilson, Reggie Johns, Tomica Crosby, and Phil Tharp

Members Absent: Lennie Routten, Ellen Fithian, Shelia Roalf, Elyse Devereux, Gerri Tylavsky, Ellen Fithian, Marge Greenfield, Lennie Routten, and Richard Layman

Kerri Wilson moved to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Pam Flaherty. Beverly Catlin made a correction, Kerri Wilson moved approval with corrections, Carol Horn seconded. All were in favor. Brian reminded members that the minutes were posted on the VACEG website on the Virginia Department of Education website. http://www.doe.virginia.gov/boe/committees_advisory/gifted/index.shtml

Department of Education report by Donna Poland.

- Status of the regulations: Governor Kaine signed the regulations before leaving office. The regulations went on the Townhall website for a 30 day public comment period on Feb. 1 and will be there until March 3, the effective date. Once they become effective, the state superintendent will send out a memo notifying school divisions of implementation timelines. <http://www.townhall.state.va.us/L/viewstage.cfm?stageid=5074>
- Reference Guide: Goal is to release the Reference Guide at the fall consortium meeting.
- Governor's Schools: Budgetary impacts include that schools will not be receiving technology funds. In general, AYGS's took a reduction in per pupil allotment (\$152.00 reduction). They could also feel an impact on the change in Local Composite Index (LCI). Some school divisions have indicated that they will have to pull out of Governor's Schools due to budgets. Currently, no budget impact on Summer Residential or Summer Regional Governor's Schools.
- Summer Residential Governor's Schools: Radford University will host Visual and Performing Arts and Humanities. Humanities will focus on digital media and humanities. VPA will have across arts disciplines as part of the afternoon program. There will be evening activities integrating all the schools. The deadline date for applications has been extended until February 23.
- Twice Exceptional Document is almost ready. Frequently Asked Questions document will go out to selected reviewers and expect to have comments back by March 5.
- Study with REL Appalachian: Disproportionality Study will examine disproportionalities across the state. Overall summary of the study examines things from a state-wide perspective and does not identify individual schools. The second year of the study is a case study approach and is expected to begin in the Fall.
- Changes are being made information and format of the Annual Report. This will include credentials of the gifted coordinator.
- There will be one more committee meeting this year on April 30. Last meeting for Bev, Mary Jane, Diane, Tomica, Gerri, Lenny. If an individual has only served one term, he/she is eligible to reapply. He/she must reapply by submitting the required application form. If the individual

does not want to be reappointed or if he/she has served two terms, the individual needs to inform Donna Poland.

Review and Discussion of Revisions to the *Understanding Virginia's Regulations Governing Educational Services for Gifted Students* document: Draft document was sent to members by Donna. The final copy will include a statement as to the intended use of this document. The groups as a whole reviewed proposed changes. The subcommittee will review the document, addressing issues raised by committee members. The audience for this document is parents, advisory committees, school board members, and the general public. When the VACEG subgroup completes its work, it will work on the local advisory brochure update and the creation of a local school board brochure.

The two subcommittees broke into groups to work on the Reference Guide and the Understanding the Regulations documents.

Judi Greathouse: Reported on Mountain Vista Governor's School project of predicting snow.

Diane Naff: Reported on effects of collapse of roof at Blacksburg High School. Entire school has been shut down.

Kerri Wilson: VSBA is interested in having Donna presenting at the Governor's Conference this summer and presenting at one of its conferences in the fall.

Phil Tharp: This year is the most applicants Maggie Walker has ever had.

Veronica Kouassi: Over 170 students at adjudication at Appomattox Governor's School.

Mary Jane Mutispaugh: Concerns about the budget in the division.

Brian reminded members that the next meeting will be April 30, 2010 at 10:00 pm at Maggie Walker Governor's School. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.