

Virginia Advisory Committee for the Education of the Gifted
Maggie L. Walker Governor's School, Richmond, VA
Minutes
December 4, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by Chairman Brian Pace.

Members Present: Shelia Roalf, Elyse Devereux, Gerri Tylavsky, Ellen Fithian, Mary Jane Mutispaugh, Rebecca Akers, Donna Poland, Diane Naff, Beverly Catlin, Marge Greenfield, Reggie Johns, Judi Greathouse, Pam Flaherty, Carol Horn, Brian Pace, Richard Layman, Patti Davis, Veronica Kouassi, Lennie Routten, Kerri Wilson, Tomica Crosby

Members Absent: Phil Tharp, Lennie Routten, Ellen Fithian, and Richard Layman

Brian will e-mail the agenda and minutes at least two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting date. Judi Greathouse moved to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Carol Horn. 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 Kerri Wilson moved to approve the minutes. Patti Davis seconded. All were in favor.

Department of Education report by Donna Poland.

- Donna had copies of the press release Gov. Kaine released on minority students in gifted education. The report should be released in the late spring.
http://www.doe.virginia.gov/news/news_releases/2009/nov17.shtml
- The data REL is working with is the information submitted by localities to DOE. It is anticipated that a second phase of this study will occur and will be focused on a case study approach.
- Status of the Regulations: the Governor has not yet signed the revised Regulations. It is anticipated that he will sign the regulations before leaving office in January.
- Governor's Schools: November 30 was the deadline for adjudication nominations. There are over 1000 nominations again this year. Donna is working diligently to solidify a site for the governor's schools for next summer. She anticipates this will be completed by mid December.
- This year's budget (VACEG budget) was cut from \$8100 to \$5000. This funding is being used for the four VACEG meetings. Rebecca is hearing that the Southside Governor's School is going to be reconfigured to support the budget which may impact dual enrollment. Pam reiterated that many students would not be able to attend college without the option of an associate's degree or dual enrollment credit they obtain while in high school or Governor's School. Margee Greenfield has spoken with many colleges in Virginia in her role counseling students and all except UVA have said that they consider dual enrollment and advanced placement equal in regard to admission.

Review and Discussion of the Revisions to 'The Guide for Understanding Virginia's Regulations Governing Educational Services for Gifted Students'. (Beverly Catlin): The subcommittee working on this document has been careful to take out interpretation of the Regulations. They have also added many of the paper documents as appendix links. The audience for this document is parents, school board members, and community members. When this group completes its work, it will work on the final revision of a local advisory committee brochure and a local school board brochure.

The two subcommittees broke into groups to work on the Reference Guide and the Guide for Understanding the Regulations. The sub-groups working on the Reference Guide agree to send their subsections to Pam Flaherty so that she could merge all of the sub-sections and reformat the document

prior to the Feb 5 meeting. Members of the sub-group reviewing the Guide to Understanding the Regulations made final formatting and editing changes and plans to present a final draft at the next meeting. The document will be emailed to all members prior to the Feb. 5 meeting.

Updates from VACEG members:

Bev Catlin: Charlottesville is having very serious conversations about budget. Attendance at conferences has been eliminated.

Margee Greenfield: Gifted personnel - mandated by the state to provide services but not at any particular level.

Judi Greathouse: Budget is a concern in Frederick. Amending the local plan on Tuesday with a disclaimer that summer Governor's Schools will be contingent upon funding.

Brian Pace: Academic Governor's Schools were looking for a new venue for student's research/science project presentations. Currently, AYGs programs will continue with Virginia Junior Academy of Science (VJAS) this year. The VJAS presentations will be at JMU this year.

Mary Jane Mutispaugh: Expressed concern about the budget.

Gerri Tylavsky: Yorktown Middle School IB visit will be in March.

Donna Poland: a preliminary overview of the twice exceptional document has been made. After final review by the DOE, it will go to the field for review.

Brian wished everyone a happy holiday, reminded members that the next meeting will be February 5, 2010 at 10:00 pm at Maggie Walker Governor's School. The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 pm.

An executive meeting followed.