

Virginia Advisory Committee on the Education of the Gifted

August 27, 2010 minutes

Members present: Brian Pace, Beverly Catlin, Mary Jane Mutispaugh, Rebecca Akers, Patti Davis, Elyse Devereux, Ellen Fithian, Pam Flaherty, Judi Greathouse, Margee Greenfield, Carol V. Horn, Reginald Johns, Richard Layman, Diane Naff, Shelia Roalf, Philip Tharp, Kerri Wilson, and Dr. Donna Poland.

Members absent: Tomica Crosby and Veronica Kouassi.

The following slate of officers was presented for consideration: President-Brian Pace, Vice President-Beverly Catlin, and Secretary-Mary Jane Mutispaugh. Kerri Wilson moved approval of the slate of officers. Ellen Fithian seconded, all were in favor.

Elyse Devereux moved approval of the agenda, Beverly seconded.

There were three corrections to the April 30, 2010 minutes. Diane Naff moved approval with corrections. Rebecca Akers seconded, all were in favor.

Department of Education report-Dr. Donna Poland

- The Regulations have been approved.
- There are several statewide meetings approaching.
 - The Consortium of Gifted Administrators will meet on September 22, 2010 in Charlottesville, VA.
 - Academic Year Governor's School (AYGS) Directors meet on September 27, 2010.
 - The Virginia Association for the Gifted (VAG) will meet October 17-18, 2010 in Newport News, VA.
- There are 5 new directors and a new AYGS-the Governor's School at Innovation Park (GS@IP), which will focus on biological, environmental and earth science curriculum.
- The annual report has changed. It should be reflective of the locality's gifted program. The new ethnic categories will begin to be reported.
- The director for the Life Science and Medicine program is leaving and we will be looking for someone as a replacement.
- The dorm arrangements at Radford will be different next year. Parent visitation was changed to the end of the program for the VPA and Humanities programs at Radford.
- Funding for summer residential governor's schools remains the same as it has been - at this point.

Understanding the Regulations Governing Educational Services for Gifted Students-Dr. Poland incorporated changes from the revised regulations. Pam moved the document be sent to DOE for approval, Kerri seconded. All were in favor.

Local School Board brochure: Tri or Quad fold. All components of a local plan will be listed. Bev suggested that it may be advantageous that this come out later to give coordinators the opportunity to read the Regulations first. Third bullet-add "beginning with kindergarten through twelfth grade". Suggestion for bullet three from the bottom: change the word "evaluation" to "review" and the title of the document on the second page. Kerri moved for approval with corrections. Rebecca seconded. All were in favor. Kerri asked that a presentation be made at the VSBA convention in November.

Local Advisory Committee brochure: A suggestion was made to bullet the areas of responsibility of a committee. There were approximately 40 new coordinators last year and approximately 40 new coordinators this year. Add "Local Advisory Board shall be in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act" as part of the procedures. Kerri moved approval, Margee seconded. All were in favor.

Revisions to the Reference Guide and Local Plan Template: The document has been updated. The NAGC standards are being revised. The links will be invalid after the final version of the NAGC document comes out. VACEG members were sub-grouped to align regulation bullets with the new NAGC standards, using the evidence based practices.

Corrections were made to the member address list.

Subcommittee Reports: Each subcommittee identified the new NACG standards that applied to the VA Regulations. Written comparisons were given to Donna Poland to cut and paste into the final document.

Member Reports:

Brian Pace, Piedmont Governor's School-All divisions are recipients of a grant to increase the number of students in Southside taking AP courses. The Governor's School is currently dual enrollment.

Beverly Catlin-started AVID in Charlottesville and Bev will be directing. It is designed for first generation college from economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

Mary Jane Mutispaugh-Jackson River Governor's School has increased enrollment. Maintained all gifted staff. Region VI held an in-service event on Differentiated Instruction in April with about 150 attendees.

Rebecca Akers-Southside Governor's School program transforming as it moves towards an Associate's Degree program. This year's juniors will be the first to complete this program. The middle school is under school improvement. Brunswick had training for elementary teachers in the identification of gifted students this week.

Patti Davis-Hanover County is implementing the Emerging Scholars program. There is a new coordinator for gifted-Sandra Crowder. The plan is due to be rewritten.

Elyse Devereux-AP was just moved under gifted coordinator in Newport News.

Ellen Fithian-is coordinating a college planning program at the New Horizon's Governor's School for Science and Technology.

Pam Flaherty-reminded members of the VAG Seminar Oct 18 and 19 in Newport News. Donna Ford will do a presentation on diversity training of underrepresented groups. Please contact Liz if you have anything for the newsletter.

Judi Greathouse-has moved from Special Services to Instruction after adding libraries to her supervisory duties. Her school division started school this week.

Margee Greenfield-Directed the NASA/VIMS Governor's School this summer. She has started her own consulting business working with predominantly gifted students. College Bound

Richard Layman-has just retired as Superintendent of King and Queen County.

Diane Naff-moved students and buildings as a result of the Blacksburg High School facility problems last year. Wonderful summer enrichment program.

Shelia Roalf-Prince William County asked her to do a feasibility study regarding IB diploma program. Restored part time middle school teacher.

Philip Tharp-Maggie Walker Governor's School had a staff development day on curriculum writing. Pat Taylor, coordinator for curriculum and instruction has been replaced by Dr. Wendy Ellis.

Kerri Wilson-called VSBA about Donna Poland presenting at the annual convention and should hear back from her next week. Should also be presented at the Hot Topic conferences.

Brian reminded members that the next meeting will be December 3, 2010.

On a motion by Ellen, the meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm