

## Virginia Advisory Committee for the Education of the Gifted Meeting

February 18, 2011

Members Present: Brian Pace, Beverly Catlin, Mary Jane Mutispaugh, Rebecca Akers, Tomica Crosby, Patti Davis, Matthew Edinger, Judi Greathouse, Margee Greenfield, Carol V. Horn, Reginald Johns, Veronica Kouassi, Amy Lamb, Richard Layman, Diane Naff, Shelia Roalf, Philip Tharp, and Donna Poland.

Members Absent: Elyse Devereux, Ellen Fithian, Pamela Flaherty, Kerri Wilson

Chairman Brian Pace called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Margee Greenfield made a motion to approve the agenda. Rebecca Akers seconded.

Patti Davis moved approval of the minutes with corrections. Rebecca Akers seconded.

DOE Report-Donna Poland

Statewide meetings-Dr. Poland participated in a Region 2 professional development day in January. Divisions held collaborative programs for gifted, career and technical, etc. They held individual division core content programs.

Donna will do a presentation at the VSBA Hot Topics Conference in March in Wytheville about the new regulations.

All regions have committed to a date and time for a presentation on the twice exceptional document. Dr. Poland, Dr. Lee and perhaps Dr. Barry will be doing the presentations. Invited participants include gifted coordinator, special education coordinator, school psychologist, testing person, and/or a guidance counselor. The document may be found at

[http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/gifted\\_ed/twice\\_exceptional.pdf](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/gifted_ed/twice_exceptional.pdf)

Academic year governor's schools met, worked with legislators and visited the capital. The Friends of Virginia Governor's Schools has been very active in contacting legislators to maintain funding for these programs.

One member raised a question regarding the 150 minute physical education requirement. How will this impact core instructional time and funding for other resources? There are currently two versions of the legislation. One excludes family life education, one questions whether recess can be counted.

Summer Residential Governor's Schools: Startalk Foreign Language Academies were funded. VCU will be doing Life Science and Medicine. Proposals have been received for each of the foreign language academies. Radford has seriously considered the recommendations from last year for Visual and Performing Arts and Humanities. The Agriculture Program overlaps with the national FFA convention. Some students are not applying for summer residential because they have chosen to compete in FFA. One member commented that the application process in SSWS was easy.

Hold harmless money-the proposal is that no one will get it.

Shelia Roalf has enjoyed meeting Dr. Lorie Bland (William and Mary Center for Gifted Education) who is heading up the growth model initiative. She has met with Dr. Poland and some gifted coordinators. They will meet with Dr. Jonas next week who oversees the VDOE initiative regarding academic growth. Dr. Bland will be talking with other collegiate programs across the state with gifted endorsement programs to see if they would like to join in this initiative. There will be an all day conference on March 9 at William and Mary for gifted coordinators.

Discussion of Master Schedule Collection initiative from the VDOE. A concern was expressed that fiscal agents will be required to report the information for all school divisions in a regional governor's school. All Richmond area schools received a request for the SOL performance of every teacher in every school in every division from the Richmond Times Dispatch.

Discussion of the Reference Guide: Thank you to Matthew Edinger for working on the formatting of the Reference Guide. Donna distributed draft copies for editing. The following groups worked on the revisions:

- Identification: Tomica, Patty, Veronica, and Phil
- Delivery of Services: Reggie, Diane, Mary Jane, and Brian
- Curriculum and Instruction: Beverly, Amy, Judi, and Margee
- Professional Development: Carol and Matt
- Parent and Community Involvement: Rebecca, Shelia and Richard

Donna will incorporate the recommended changes and send out to members to review before the April meeting.

The following meeting dates were proposed for next year. Judi moved approval of these dates. Patti seconded. All were in favor.

October 7, 2011

December 2, 2011

February 17, 2012

April 27, 2012

Member reports:

Brian Pace-Governor's School did the Capitol Day. Some were unable to attend due to weather but it was a successful day for those who attended. Piedmont Governor's School is completing recruiting for next year. Virginia Advanced Studies Grant for AP has not had a negative impact on enrollment. It has lost one division for next year.

Donna Poland: Visited booths at NAGC and discovered a competition sponsored by Volvo. It is only done every three years. There are nine sites across the country that participate in the competition. The competition in Virginia was open to Governor's Schools. The winners compete in Las Vegas. Maggie

Walker Governor's School hosted the program, with fifteen teams participating. A team from Maggie Walker and a team from Massanutten Governor's Schools will be attending the national competition.

Beverly Catlin-Charlottesville has begun the AVID program for kids in the middle that need assistance. It will be implemented sixth through twelfth grades next year. All of the seniors in this program will be going to a four year college next year. Harrisonburg, Albemarle, and Orange also do this program.

Mary Jane Mutispaugh-Concerns about the Master Schedule Collection and the impact that will have on regional governor's school programs. Jackson River Governor's School enrollment is up this year.

Rebecca Akers-Governor's School students have appealed to the Board for continued funding for next year. Seniors from Brunswick will all be receiving associates' degrees when they graduate.

Patti Davis-Hanover County is losing its superintendent at the end of this school year. There is currently a search committee in place.

Matt Edinger-Two gifted education courses are being offered at the University of Richmond this semester.

Judi Greathouse-Frederick County Superintendent is retiring at the end of June. Applications for regional governor's schools are up. There is a middle school environmental program and a performing arts program for the high school.

Margee Greenfield-NASA outsources educational outreach to National Institute of Aerospace.

Carol Horn-Fairfax County continues to grow. The school division is creating a website for teachers to go to for best practices and gifted education practices has been added to that site. The VAG conference will be in Williamsburg October 21-22, 2011.

Veronica Kouassi-Appomattox Regional Governor's School has a new executive director who was the former superintendent of Petersburg. ARGs has just completed adjudication for next year.

Amy Lamb-Northumberland received a wind turbine this year. This is the only one in Virginia connected to a school.

Diane Naff-Montgomery County will offer a summer enrichment program and be participating in other programs.

Shelia Roalf-In Prince George, there is a middle years IB program. The superintendent hopes to begin a regional diploma program. The Appomattox Regional Governor's School held a program of ballet performances yesterday.

Phil Tharp-Maggie Walker Governor's School is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> year. The school has just completed accepting applications for approximately 170 slots for next year. Athletic boosters have been conducting fund raising for an athletic pavilion.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.