

Virginia Advisory Committee for the Education of the Gifted December 5, 2014

The Virginia Advisory Committee for the Education of the Gifted met on December 5, 2014 at Maggie L. Walker Governor's School in Richmond, VA.

Members present: Donna Poland, Lesley Hunley, Patty Griffin, Janice Robertson, Reginald Johns, Kimberly Waite, Melissa Powers, Sandra Cole, Margee Greenfield, Melanie Daniel, Beth Andersen, Teresa Ellison, Jennifer Sublette-Williamson

Members absent: Carol Horn, Catherine Ingrassia, Sarah Gross, Robert Hundley, Stephen Keith, Kevin Kendall, Cheryl McCullough, Elizabeth Schupp

Visitors: none

Donna Poland opened the meeting at 10:10 am.

Approval of the Agenda: Lesley Hunley moved approval of the agenda, Sandra Cole seconded. All were in favor.

Department of Education Report-Dr. Donna Poland:

- Dr. Poland attended the Council of State Directors of Programs for the Gifted in November in Baltimore. She gathered ideas of things that other states are doing that would be helpful to implement in Virginia.
- Legislative Update: The Academic Year Governor's School funding report has been revised and is being republished, to include clarification on 5/6 day Governor's School programs. Dr. Poland will send out the new version when available.
- The Virginia School Boards Association adopted a position statement that VSBA would support any revision to the funding formula for the Academic Year Governor's Schools. .

Charge from the Board of Education-Middle School Opportunities:

- Additional formatting is needed on the Accelerated Content section.
- The remaining sections need to be reviewed and edited.
- A review of the final document is planned for the February meeting, and the group can then vote to submit it to the Virginia Department of Education for their review.

- After the final document is submitted, we will brainstorm the mission of the group going forward.

Working Lunch in Subcommittees: The group broke into subcommittees to continue working on the middle school document.

Subcommittee Reports:

- The Beyond the Classroom group reviewed the Advanced Learning Opportunities section and made minor revisions and edits. Additional clarification is needed on the definition of STEAM in the document.
- Sandra Cole and Jan Robertson reviewed the introduction and social-emotional section and made minor revisions and edits.
- The Accelerated Content group reviewed and reformatted their section. They also added clarifications and citations.
- Dr. Poland will review the edits and changes and plans to send out an updated draft to the group before the winter holiday break.

Member Reports:

Donna Poland: Dr. Bill Boshier, retired state superintendent, passed away recently.

Janice Robertson: Amelia has been working on their Local Plan for the Education of the Gifted. She also had the opportunity to attend the NAGC Convention in November and met Dr. Jean Peterson.

Reginald Johns: Reginald presented on “Sources of Positive Self-Efficacy for African-American Women in STEM” for the NAGC Research Gala and was awarded second place for completed doctoral research.

Melanie Daniel: pass

Kimberly Waite: Region III continues to conduct mock reviews of Local Plans in preparation for the 2015 technical review.

Sandra Cole: Southwest Virginia’s gifted consortium will provide a written document with information about their speaking for the gifted program, which has been very successful over the years.

Jennifer Sublette-Williamson: Albemarle is beginning to look more at balance and social-emotional needs. An increased emphasis is being put on mental health, especially at the high school level.

Teresa Ellison: pass

Beth Andersen: pass

Margee Greenfield: She is fielding a lot of calls about Summer Residential Governor's School and asked the group to encourage high-level science students to apply to the NASA/VIMS program.

Lesley Hunley: Mathews hosted a breakfast and tour of schools for legislators this week. They are also continuing their search for a new superintendent.

Kimberly Waite moved the meeting be adjourned. Teresa Ellison seconded. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Next meeting: February 6, 2015 at Maggie L. Walker Governor's School