

Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

Members:

Jessica Huntoon	Chair
Patricia Costis	staff, Recording Secretary
Tom Ambler	community
Karla Stead	Sr. Coordinator, Office of Academic Rigor
Vicky Greco	Parent, Nominating Chair
Lewis Jordan	parent
Joseph Antolin	community
Christina Ohlrogge	parent
Baseemah Cumberbatch-Smith	parent
Patricia Brazier	parent

Guests:

Katie Humphrey Morgan	staff
Tanya Bhasin	School Board

Mrs. Huntoon called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm

Review of Meeting Norms: focus on beginning and ending on time, and staying on topic. Mrs. Huntoon introduced the work session agenda for the evening

Review of May meeting minutes: Minor spelling errors and details were noted and amended. Mrs. Cumberbatch-Smith moved that the May meeting minutes be approved as amended. Mr. Ambler seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Public Comment: Mrs. Huntoon reminded everyone present of the procedure for the Public Comment portion of the GEAC meeting. She further noted that the norms were printed on the meeting's agenda. Norms for the Public Comment portion:

1. speakers, please limit comments to 3 minutes
2. responses from GEAC members are expected at a later time
3. Personal business should be addressed directly to the appropriate party, rather than during the Public Comment forum.

In addition to opportunities for oral comment, stakeholders may choose to complete a form to submit questions, concerns, and comments in writing.

Senior Coordinator's Report

Mrs. Stead reported the following:

- The School Board clerk asked for a complete roster of GEAC members. Discussion followed on the GEAC by-laws regarding the number of open positions versus total positions and the demographic make-up of GDEAC members. Mrs. Brazier suggested sending GEAC information with the letters that are sent home to parents of first graders who were recently identified as gifted. Additionally, GRTs could talk about GEAC in their welcome letters home and at their schools' Open House sessions in the Fall.

- Camp Einstein has registered more than 300 students, an increase over last year's enrollment of approximately 275.
- The audit being performed by the College of William & Mary is proceeding. GEARS mailed letters home to families with a link to complete a needs assessment. They extended the deadline of the survey to offer more parents the opportunity to respond. The preliminary report will be released in June, 2019. The classroom teacher and gifted student surveys will be administered in early fall, and a full report with recommendations is due in November, 2019.

Other reports from GEARS:

- Dr. Costis reported that NORSTAR has a roster of 22 students for 2019-2020, and all five high schools are represented. Mrs. Cumberbatch-Smith inquired about the application process, and Dr. Costis explained.

New Business

- Mrs. Greco read the slate for the GEAC officers for SY2019-2020:

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Vice Chair:	Baseemah Cumberbatch-Smith
Recording Secretary:	Patricia Costis

Mr. Ambler moved to approve the slate as read. Mr. Jordan seconded, and the motion was passed.

- Mrs. Huntoon opened discussion about GEAC meeting dates, times and locations for SY 2019-2020. No decision were finalized at this time and discussion included
 - keeping the meetings as the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm
 - eliminating the December meeting
 - changing locations to the Art Library at Rosemont Center, the Academy of Discovery @ Lakewood, or rotating locations each month.
- Mrs. Brazier again raised the idea of forming a gifted parent-teacher-student alliance which would meet quarterly. Doing so may increase parent involvement in GEAC and/or in gifted education. Parents may enjoy a less formal setting than the GEAC meetings, which the alliance would offer.
- Mrs. Huntoon presented a draft of the recommendations GEAC will make to the School Board. Discussion followed. Amendments were suggested.
- Mrs. Huntoon explained that the draft will remain on the Google Drive so that GEAC members can continue to make suggestions for amendments and edits, and everyone can see the revisions as they are made. Mrs. Huntoon was hopeful the GEAC annual report would be complete by the July 10 School Board Retreat so GEAC recommendations could be read and discussed at that time.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.