

Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

Members:

Jessica Huntoon	Chair
Vicki Greco	Nominating Chair
Patricia Costis	staff, Recording Secretary
Tom Ambler	community
Karla Stead	Sr. Coordinator, Office of Academic Rigor
Tanya Bhasin	School Board
Diane Wishart	parent
Louis Jordan	parent
Joe Antolin	community
Christina Ohlrogge	parent
Baseemah Cumberbatch-Smith	parent

Guests:

Patricia Brazier	parent
Nate Kinnison	parent

Mrs. Huntoon called the meeting to order at 6:07 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 December meeting minutes: Mr. Jordan moved that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Mrs. Greco reminded everyone present of the procedure for the Public Comment portion of the GEAC meeting. She further explained the Public Comment portion would be a regular addition to the GEAC meeting format, bringing our Committee into alignment with all other advisory committees in Norfolk Public Schools. 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. Mrs. Stead said she would collect the forms, and turn them over to GEAC.

Senior Coordinator's Report

- Young Scholars Interviews will be held March 23, 2019
- OAR has hired Dr. Patty Costis as the gifted resource teacher to work with NORSTAR students and grow and expand the program. She will begin April 1, the due date for NORSTAR applications.

- The districtwide CogAT screening for first graders is complete. Greater than 600 first grade students will be further assessed for possible gifted identification.
- The all reciprocity hearings are also complete. This is a process by which OAR evaluates the identification data of students who are identified as gifted in another district and transfer in to NPS, for the purpose of transferring/honoring the identification.
- Students who registered in NPS after the fall testing window and have been referred, will be assessed in April.

New Business

- Mrs. Huntoon reviewed the Next Steps for GEAC that she introduced to the committee in February:
 - March: work session to make research-based recommendations in each of the six areas agreed upon for SY2018-2019.
 - April: continue working. If groups are ready to present, recommendation drafts will be presented for questioning by members
 - May: Present final drafts for vote and final revisions. Nominate officers 2019-2020
 - June: Vote on new officers, final report presentation by GEAC board. Final draft emailed to stakeholders.
 - August: Board meeting only with senior coordinator- set by officers and senior coordinator
- Mrs. Bahsin announced a NPS budget hearing on March 6 at Norview High School at 6:00 pm. The budget proposal for SY2019-2020 is on the NPS website. Mrs. Greco stated she had summaries for anyone who is interested in obtaining one.
- Mrs. Huntoon gave instructions and procedures for the work session
- The meeting recessed at 6:22 pm. Members assembled into small groups to evaluate and make research-based recommendations in each of the 6 agreed-upon topics.
- The meeting reconvened at 7:32 pm. Mrs. Huntoon explained the agenda for April's work session, and the Next Steps.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm