

Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

Members:

Jessica Huntoon	Chair
Patty Costis	staff, Recording Secretary
Tom Ambler	community
Karla Stead	Sr. Coordinator, Office of Academic Rigor
Tanya Bhasin	School Board
Andrea Disney	Staff, Gifted Specialist
Louis Jordan	parent
Joe Antolin	community
Christina Ohlrogge	parent
Baseemah Cumberbatch-Smith	parent
Diane Wishart	parent

Guests:

Patricia Brazier	parent
Katie Humphrey Morgan	staff

Mrs. Huntoon called the meeting to order at 6:04 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 March meeting minutes:** Mrs. Wishart asked for the following amendments: Add Diane Wishart, parent, and Nate Kinnison, parent; delete Andrea Disney, staff, and Katie Humphrey-Morgan, GRT, from the March attendance roster. Mr. Jordan moved that the minutes be approved as amended. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Mrs. Huntoon 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.

**Senior Coordinator's Report**

- The William and Mary gifted needs assessment will be disseminated in the next 2-3 weeks.
- Dr. Costis reported that NORSTAR applications are being collected, and plans are underway for next year's program. Details to follow.

- Mrs. Humphrey-Morgan and Dr. Costis shared current STEM projects being completed by their gifted elementary students.
- Mrs. Wishart and Mrs. Ohlrogge reported that they were well-received at the most recent GRT meeting. The GRTs agreed to a GEAC survey, but asked that it be distributed in September.

### **New Business**

- Mrs. Huntoon reviewed the Next Steps for GEAC and the break-out work sessions for the evening:
  - Continue to analyze and research the 6 topics begun in February. Members will begin making recommendations in their sub-committee when ready.
- The meeting recessed at 6:23 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 7:30 pm. Mrs. Huntoon explained the agenda for May's GEAC meeting, and Next Steps:
  - 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. Huntoon asked that between the April and May meetings, all members visit the Google Docs and offer commentary and recommendations in EACH of the 6 topics addressed therein.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm