

Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

Members:

Jessica Huntoon	Chair, Parent
Dr. Patricia Costis	Gifted Resource Teacher
Karla Stead	Sr. Coordinator, Office of Academic Rigor
Vicky Greco	Parent, Nominating Chair
Christina Ohlrogge	Parent
Tom Ambler	Community
Katie Humphrey-Morgan	Gifted Resource Teacher
Maury Howard	Parent
Hollis Simodynes	Parent
Abbie Watson	Principal, Academy for Discovery at Lakewood
Dr. Jennifer Martin	Parent
Dr. Jori Beck	Community
Karen Nelson	Gifted Resource Teacher

Guests:

Emily Bebber	Parent
Spencer Jamison	Gifted Resource Teacher
Andrew Sytsma	Gifted Resource Teacher
Kathleen Shambo	Teacher
Alma Hilbert	Gifted Resource Teacher

Ms. Huntoon called the meeting to order at 6:04 and reviewed the agenda.

Introductions: Members and guests introduced themselves from 6:06 to 6:12.

Review of minutes: At 6:12, Ms. Huntoon provided the old minutes in the chat for members to review. Andrew Sytsma was left off of the attendance list, Karen Nelson was list as a guest instead of a member. At 6:18 Mr. Ambler motioned to approve the minutes. Dr. Costis seconded. All members were in favor.

Public comment: Mrs. Huntoon noted the public comment portion of the meeting at 6:19 wherein stakeholders may speak to the GEAC on the topic of their choice. Stakeholders may also choose to complete a form to submit questions, concerns, and comments in writing. Ms. Greco noted the email from Tanya Bhasin about the school board listening session on Thursday, May 13th at 7:00-8:00. There was also an email from Karen Rose-Tanner on April 27th.

Bylaws updates: At 6:24, Mrs. Greco went over the updated bylaws. They were last updated in 2015. She added new board policies regarding advisory committees and GEAC specifically. New provisions were added for virtual elections. The term “council” was exchanged for “committee.” Mr. Ambler asked about the three-year term limit. Ms. Greco noted that we have to reapply even though we may be members in good standing. Mr. Ambler also asked about the quorum language and the difference between the second and third sentence. Ms. Greco noted that she was not trying to limit us. Mr. Ambler suggested keeping 20% of the voting membership, and Ms. Stead noted that she agreed. Ms. Greco noted she would keep it at 20%. Mr. Ambler also asked how the nominating committee would be elected. At 6:39 Mr. Ambler moved to table the bylaws revisions to the June meeting when clean copies could be provided, Ms. Ohlrogge seconded. All members were in favor. If there are additional suggested revisions, they can be sent to Ms. Greco at studentsfirstvmg@gmail.com.

Slate: At 6:42, Ms. Greco noted that the slate was sent out via email. Ms. Simodynes has been nominated to serve as recording secretary. Ms. Greco and Ms. Huntoon encouraged members to run for chair and vice chair. Roles can be split, and is very effective for the vice chair position. Maury Howard noted her willingness to serve as vice chair. Ms. Greco encouraged members to submit bios of 50 words or less to help members learn more about one another.

Focus groups: At 6:48 Dr. Costis and Dr. Beck provided a brief overview of qualitative research and how the team working on the gifted local plan ensured credible interpretation of the data.

Local plan changes: At 6:55, Ms. Stead presented some slides that she presented to the administrative team a few weeks ago, and will be making a similar presentation to the school board. What she presented is proposed—nothing has been approved. The plan gets presented to the school board on June 2nd, and will be approved June 16th.

Whole group wrap up: The presentation wrapped up at 7:18 so there was no time for breakout room discussions so members were given time to raise questions. Question and answer continued until 6:55.

At 7:56 Ms. Ohlrogge motioned to adjourn and Dr. Beck seconded. Meeting adjourned.