

NPS Gifted Education Advisory Council (GEAC) Meeting Minutes

Monday, 1 June 2015

Media Center, Academy of International Studies at Rosemont, 1330 Branch Road, Norfolk,
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Attendees:

GEAC: Tom Ambler, Chair, Community Member

Tanya Bhasin, Vice Chair, Parent (Taylor Elementary School)

Heather Adams, Recording Secretary, Parent (Ruffner YS, Granby IB)

Donna Tate, Grandparent, (Ghent School)

Lynnell Gibson, Principal, Academy International Studies (AIS) at Rosemont

Valerie Tuck, Senior Coordinator, Office of Academic Rigor

Norika Stuvaints, Parent (Academy International Studies at Rosemont)

Tanya Lewis, Parent (Poplar Halls Elementary)

Baseemah Cumberbatch-Smith, Parent (Norview YS)

Joe Wilkinson, Parent (Ruffner YS, Granby IB)

GUESTS:

Christina Ohlrogge, Parent (Ghent School)

Louie Jordan, Parent (Blair MS)

At 6:06 pm Mr. Ambler called the meeting to order and stated the GEAC mission is to advocate for the needs of gifted learners and act as a liaison between NPS and the community. He then proceeded with the introductions of members and guests.

Old business:

The 4 May 2015 draft meeting minutes were approved.

emotional needs of the gifted. Mr. Wilkinson stated that having a GRT in every school also would aid identification of children who might otherwise be overlooked.

Ms. Tuck asked that the letter clarify the difference between push-in and pullout models.

Ms. Bhasin requested the letter advocated for the gifted endorsement of all GRTs and gifted classroom teachers. She also requested the letter advocate for the return of the "Gifted" moniker. It is still very hard to locate gifted information on the NPS website.

Senior Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tuck presented Mr. Ambler with an award recognizing his 3 years of service as Chairman of the GEAC.

She also requested assistance in rewriting the Local Plan in preparation for the 2016 review. Specifically she was looking for volunteers over the summer to address the portion of the plan that addresses the Advisory Council mission and proceedings.

The GEAC voted and passed the motion to move 2015/16 meetings to the first Tuesday of the month. The GEAC agreed to address the process of changes to the location of the meetings at the June 2015 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35.