

NPS Gifted Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)

Tuesday June 6, 2016

Academy of International Studies at Rosemont Media Center

Attendees

Members:

Heather Adams, Chair, Parent, Granby IB

Tom Ambler, Community Member

Vicky Greco, Nominating Committee Chair

Jessica Huntoon, GEAC Vice-Chair, Teacher Academy of Discovery at Lakewood

Tanya Lewis, Parent Member AOIS/Fairlawn

Christina Ohlrogge, Parent Member, Ghent E.S.

Valerie Tuck, Senior Coordinator Office of Academic Rigor

Guests:

Igriza Estes, Parent, Mary Calcott

Julie Morgan, Parent Granby High School

Kimberly Thebarger, Parent Member, Mary Calcott

Tanya Bhasin, NPS School Board Member, Parent

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Heather Adams, Chair. Ms. Adams welcomed those present and started the meeting with introductions. Ms. Adams reiterated the purpose of the Gifted Education Advisory Committee. Vickie Greco moved that Tom Ambler be elected Acting Recording Secretary for the June meeting. There was a second and the motion passed.

Vickie Greco presented the proposed slate of officers for GEAC for the Year 2016-2017:

Jessica Huntoon	Chair
Louie Jordan	Vice Chair
Tom Ambler	Recording Secretary
Vickie Greco	Nominating Chair

Recording Secretary      Corresponding Secretary

Ms. Adams sought any other nominations. None were made. Mr. Ambler moved that the nominations be closed. There was a second and the motion passed. Mr. Ambler moved that the slate be elected. There was a second and the motion passed.

Ms. Adams sought changes to the May minutes. Mr. Ambler moved that the May minutes be approved. There was a second and the motion passed.

GEAC then heard a presentation by the student members of the NPS Future Problem Solving Team from the Academy at Lakewood who, having won at the local and state level, went to the international competition at Michigan State University. The team was composed of Miles Miskill, Hayley Smelik, Tina Li and Spencer Villanueva and the teacher-advisor was Ms. Latoya Rivers. The team presented a detailed explanation about what the team did at each level. The students thanked all who are associated with the education of the gifted for their support of this endeavor.

New business:

Ms. Adams then presented her draft letter to the Committee for comment. Each year, as part of what GEAC does, a letter is sent by the Chair to the NPS School Board and Superintendent . The report provides comments and suggestions about gifted education in Norfolk. Many of those present suggested ideas to Ms. Adams for the draft letter. At the end of the discussion, Mr. Ambler moved that GEAC state its general support for Ms. Adams' letter. There was a second the motion passed.

Old business

Senior Coordinator's Report: Ms. Tuck reported that there will be a Fall Gifted Showcase on Saturday morning, October 1, 2016. She stated she hoped that GEAC could be present at the event. Ms. Tuck said that she expects that this summer there to be about 200 students who attend Camp Einstein and about 15 students who attend Camp Launch.

Mr. Ambler moved that GEAC thank Ms. Adams for her service as Chair during the previous year, there was a second and the motion passed. It was noted that there would also be cake in Ms. Adams' honor following the meeting.

At 7:30 p.m. Tom Ambler moved to adjourn the meeting. There was a second and the motion passed.