



Local Advisory Committee (LAC) Meeting
Spratley Gifted Center
January 12, 2016
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Minutes

- I. The LAC meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.
- II. The committee's discussion focused on the revisions to the Local Plan for Gifted Education for Hampton City Schools for 2016-2020. The committee reviewed the results of the stakeholder survey. Highlights of the survey results included requests for more time for gifted resource classes, and possible consideration of testing all students in kindergarten as well as in first and second grades.
- III. Mrs. Grillo said that the draft Local Plan was taken through a peer review process with other gifted coordinators in the region. Minor changes were suggested to include redundancies for clarity, and additional clarity in the division definition of giftedness.
- IV. The committee discussed the objectives that will be included in the Local Plan to support the division's goals. There will be an emphasis on increased professional development for regular classroom teachers (differentiation and enrichment strategies), continued work on finding service options for 9th and 10th grade students, and continued work on identifying underrepresented gifted students.
- V. A parent indicated that high school students sometimes have difficulties taking the most rigorous courses due to scheduling issues, especially if the students are in Governor's School and/or IB. Mrs. Grillo will work with the School Level Advisors at the high schools to make sure that students are given adequate planning information.
- VI. Mrs. Grillo is working on updating the gifted competencies online professional development modules to make them more user friendly, and to make them fit more easily into Hampton's new professional development tracking system.
- VII. The committee reviewed last year's annual report, and considered which recommendations would be made for this year. The recommendations included continued work on service options for 9th and 10th grade students, additional training for school counselors (especially at the high school level), additional parent workshops, work on the K-2 identification documents, and providing more professional development opportunities for regular classroom teachers. A draft of the 2016 report will be presented at the next meeting, with updated eligibility statistics and results from this year's parent survey.
- VIII. Parent workshops will be planned. Kedra Jemmott volunteered to assist with these.
- IX. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

Members present:

Steve Russell
Tammy Russell
Chasin Washington
George Gaten
Ken Crum
John Caggiano
Shari Drake
Kedra Jemmott

Eric Stone
Dawn Napier
Ginger Petsos
Rhonda Diamond
David Rhodes
Rebecca Whitehead
Reginald Johns
Ruth Grillo