Local Advisory Committee (LAC) Meeting  
Spratley Gifted Center  
October 1, 2013  
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Minutes

I. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.
II. The Gifted Resource and Excel Art Open House was held from 6:00-7:00. Ruth Grillo presented an overview of the gifted resource and Excel Art programs, and introduced the new teachers, as well as the IB coordinator.

III. Updates and changes to the Local Plan were discussed and approved:
   a. Add a placement review for fifth grade Excel Art students
   b. Add Gateway middle school resource program
   c. Make Advisory Committee ad hoc, to meet only as needed
   d. Add screening for all first graders with NNAT
   e. Add enrichment block as part of differentiated services
   f. Add competencies modules as training for all teachers
   g. Add alternate interview for homeschool students who do not have teacher ratings
   h. Clarify wording as needed to meet requirements of technical review

IV. New projects were discussed (gifted preschool, gifted summer camp, gifted theater arts), but will continue to be on hold until the budget situation improves.

V. Members asked for a parent workshop on “How to Raise a Gifted Child” – providing supports, meeting needs, tips on how to help at home, etc. Mrs. Grillo will plan this workshop.

VI. Members also asked to have the new collaborative gifted competencies modules posted online for parents. Mrs. Grillo will ask to have that done.

VII. Mrs. Grillo gave an update on the website, the gifted curriculum, and the competencies collaboration (teacher training modules).

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40.

Members and guests present:

Michelle Burwell  
Arnice Johnson  
Tammy Russell  
Rhonda Diamond  
Kedra Jemmott  
Dawn Napier  
Ruth Grillo  
Debbie Butler  
Lucy Overton  
Jada Overton  
Debbie West  
Ginger Petsos  
Tonya Shields