



Local Advisory Committee (LAC) Meeting
Spratley Gifted Center
October 2, 2014
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 visual arts programs, and introduced the gifted resource teachers.
- III. Mrs. Grillo reviewed the changes to Excel Art, which is now being served in the zoned schools, rather than at Spratley.
- IV. The committee discussed plans and proposals for the upcoming program evaluation, which will be conducted in addition to the annual report to the Board. Suggestions included looking at just a portion of the programs, and looking at the ways gifted students are served when they are not in a full-time gifted program. This would include looking at:
 - a. Differentiation provided by classroom teachers for gifted resource students
 - b. The ninth/tenth grade years when no specific programs are available. Perhaps have a cohort of students that moves together? Perhaps have a person to monitor those students – courses, grades, prerequisites – especially for incoming military students? Perhaps provide writing workshops for students going into AP courses?The committee also suggested having a parent representative from each school as part of a focus group for the program evaluation, and perhaps looking at this in one of the community priority workshops.
- V. The committee discussed topics for parent workshops. Suggestions included:
 - a. How to support gifted students at home
 - b. Introduction to the eligibility process
 - c. iPads as tools for gifted learners
- VI. The committee discussed “bridging” needs as students transition from program to program. This included transitioning from gifted resource into Spratley in various grades, making fifth grade transition to middle school at Spratley, and supporting the writing skills of students going into AP classes.
- VII. The annual report to the superintendent will be submitted to the Board on Oct. 15. The presentation was delayed by edits to the Local Plan caused by the changes in the visual arts program.
- VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

Members present:

Kedra Jemmott
Steve Russell
Gwen Lee
Debra Butler
George Gaten
Ken Crum
Ruth Grillo