



Local Advisory Committee (LAC) Meeting  
Spratley Gifted Center  
October 6, 2015  
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Minutes

- I. The Gifted Resource Open House was held from 6:00-7:00. Jessica McDonough presented an overview of the gifted resource program, and introduced the gifted resource teachers. After the presentation, parents had the opportunity to meet with the individual teachers. Refreshments were provided.
- II. The LAC meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm, and attendees were introduced.
- III. The committee's discussion focused on the purpose of the advisory committee and explanation of the annual goals for the gifted programs that are in the Local Plan.
- IV. The attendees were offered the opportunity to serve on committees this year for potential programs for gifted preschool, gifted middle school summer camp, gifted options for high school, and a gifted performing arts program. Mrs. Grillo will contact volunteers.
- V. The committee also solicited suggestions and comments about the current gifted programs, including:
  - a. Making sure students can charge their iPads at school so that they do not have to take them home unnecessarily, as a way to limit damage to them
  - b. Limiting the number of worksheets and focusing more on inquiry learning and problem solving at SGC
  - c. Making sure school libraries allow students to check out above-grade level books
  - d. Increasing staff at Spratley to ameliorate large classes, and to make sure the students' social and emotional needs can be met
  - e. Having representatives from colleges come to SGC, having a career evening, or having mentors for SGC students. Mrs. Grillo will send Dr. Crum contact information for Dr. Ellen Fithian, who does college planning for Governor's School students.
  - f. Making sure SGC students are aware of lecture series in the area (Hampton History Museum, Hampton University, etc.)
  - g. Providing additional training for SGC staff on dual exceptionalities
  - h. Considering an entrepreneurship class at SGC, possibly as an academic elective or incorporating it into the children's engineering elective
  - i. Continuing to support Odyssey of the Mind teams
- VI. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

Attendees:

Steve Russell	Kianga Thomas	Rebecca Whitehead
Cathy Edler	Kalli Lemley	Reginald Johns
Shari Drake	Deanna McNeil	Paula Larson
Amy Pearson	MaryBeth Crawford	Jessica McDonough
Alex (student)	Dawn Napier	Ruth Grillo
Doreen Dougherty	Ginger Petsos	Ron Holloman
Joyce Dougherty	Rhonda Diamond	Ken Crum
Chasin Washington	David Rhodes	