



Local Advisory Committee (LAC) Meeting
Spratley Gifted Center
March 14, 201
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Minutes

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.
- II. The parent and student surveys for the annual report are in progress, and the results will be included in the annual report. Ruth Grillo presented the draft of the narrative portion of the annual report, including the accomplishments of the program for this year, and recommendations for next year. The committee recommended that Spanish classes be continuous and sequential at Spratley, with opportunities for Spanish in grades 4 and 5, as well as grade 3. The committee also recommended that the proposed performing arts, preschool, and summer camp programs be kept on the table until the budget situation improves. Dr. Bondzi is working with Hampton University to develop a partnership to design a summer program for gifted students. Ms. Grillo will ask Donna Poland at VDOE about the possibilities of funding a local Summer Residential Governor's School, since we are one of the few divisions without access to one.
- III. The committee also reviewed the regulations for the gifted endorsement competencies that will be updated by VDOE. The committee recommended that the revised competencies include specific mention of training in test score interpretation; use of advanced technologies to support student learning; specific references to the needs of special populations, including twice-exceptional students, students with Asperger's Syndrome, and students with limited English proficiency; and that an understanding of state and local policies and regulations, as well as issues, be included.
- IV. The committee discussed the HCS gifted education competencies training modules that will be included on PD360.
- V. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30. The next meeting will be in April.

Members present:

Cliff Shaffer
Erik Stone
Debbie Butler
Cornelius Bondzi
Ruth Grillo