



Local Advisory Committee (LAC) Meeting  
Spratley Gifted Center  
April 21, 2011  
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Minutes

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Michelle Bowers.
- II. Copies of HCS Strategic Plan were distributed. It is clear in the Strategic Plan that HCS is strongly supporting the needs of our gifted students.
- III. Chairman Bowers noted that the request for a one-year extension of the current Local Plan had been granted. The committee and staff will continue to work on the revisions to meet the requirements of the state template, with a strong focus on the eligibility and identification process.
- IV. The committee reviewed the results of the parent and teacher/administrator surveys, as well as the results of the Governor's School parent surveys. Satisfaction with the programs was almost all adequate to excellent, with some work still to be done to improve parent communications for parents of gifted resource students, and some further clarification of the eligibility process needed.
- V. The Curriculum Integration Technology Teacher (CITT) will be included in the report. The CITT is shared with DAAE, Early Childhood, and English as a Second Language; she has been invaluable in providing advanced technology training for all of the gifted teachers.
- VI. The final draft of the 2011 annual report, with projects completed, was approved. Data from the surveys and eligibility numbers will be finalized and included in the report. Preliminary data indicate that the gifted programs serve more than 9% of the HCS students. DAAE continues to work on increasing the proportional representation of minority students in the gifted programs. Mrs. Grillo is working with Mr. Holloman, principal at Cary, who is doing his doctoral research on minority representation in gifted programs throughout the state. DAAE is also implementing a new nationally-normed teacher rating scale to assist teachers in seeing evidence of giftedness in multiple areas of student achievement.
- VII. The DAAE Teacher of the Year is Cynthia Davis, the Excel Art teacher, and the Teacher of the Year for Spratley is Michelle Ferrell.
- VIII. The gifted resource teachers will rewrite and update the resource curriculum this year.
- IX. DAAE is in the first preliminary stages of considering plans for a gifted performing arts program, to be housed at Spratley. Anyone who is interested in working on this project should contact Mrs. Grillo.
- X. Michelle Bowers has agreed to continue as chairperson for the next year; Mr. Shaffer will serve as vice-chair.
- XI. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Members present:

Michelle Bowers  
Ruth Grillo  
George Gaten  
Clifford Shaffer