

# Gifted Local Advisory Meeting

Minutes

3/17/2026

Kilgore Gifted Center

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm



Attendees: Michelle Branch, Timothy Hatok, Gena Hobbs, Dr. Reginald Johns, Terrilyn Williams

I. Call to Order

II. Review and approval of minutes from last meeting.

III. Review feedback parent and student surveys for 2025/2026 SY.

A. **Student Responses** - 25/26

691 - KGC

416 - Gifted Resource

1- Gifted Enrichment

178 - Talent Pool

40 - Excel Art

1. Observations

- a. Most students expressed HCS gifted services were okay.
- b. Although most students rated their lessons and activities as interesting, there was a 3.8 point decrease from last year's rating.
- c. Most students identified they learned lots this year.
- d. The majority of students, 58.31%, thought the level of challenge in gifted classes was just right.
- e. The majority of students, 48.54%, strongly agreed that they received enough support to be successful. This was a 5 point increase from last year's ratings.
- f. Most students, 45.54%, strongly agreed that they belonged.
- g. Students also strongly agreed that they felt encouraged to be themselves and encouraged to be their best.
- h. Most students expressed they had the right amount of homework assigned to help learn and grow.

- i. 52.15% of participating students strongly agreed with the statement their overall relationship with the gifted teacher(s) is positive.

**B. Parent Responses - 25/26 - 171 responses**

74- KGC

51- Gifted Resource

60- Talent Pool

8- Excel Art (Elementary only)

0 - Gifted Enrichment Seminar

1. Observations

- a. Parents expressed a positive shift toward excellent in their perception of gifted services.
- b. Parents were more pleased with class size.
- c. There was an increased perception that class met frequently enough.
- d. Parents expressed that the coursework meets their children's needs at the highest level (strongly agree) this year.
- e. There was a 4 year high in parent's perception that their child has sufficient support.
- f. There was a positive shift in parent's perception that children's experience with the teacher was positive.
- g. This year, parents expressed a high perception that sufficient homework is assigned.
- h. A greater percentage of parents expressed that communication and parental involvement needs improvement.
- i. From last year to this year, there was a six point percentage increase in parent's perceptions that the lessons and class activities for gifted students were excellent.

IV. Teacher Survey

A. Possible survey questions were discussed for a survey which targets teachers of gifted students.

1. Do you receive enough support to be an effective gifted instructor?
2. What information do you need to know about the gifted program?
3. How would you define giftedness?

V. Adjourn