



Local Advisory Committee (LAC) Meeting  
Spratley Gifted Center  
January 19, 2012  
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Minutes

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Michelle Bowers.
- II. The final draft for the new Local Plan was discussed. A few minor changes were made for clarification and internal consistency, and a sentence was added about home school students' eligibility/non-eligibility for gifted services. The committee approved the final draft. It will now go to Dr. Johnson and the division leadership team, and then to the School Board for approval. Comments are still welcome.
- III. An update on the proposed theater arts gifted program was presented. Plans for the program will continue to be developed, but implementation will not be pursued for next year because of the need for deep budget cuts.
- IV. The surveys for the annual report were discussed. The committee decided to include surveys from students, as well as from parents and teachers. The surveys will need to have different questions for different age groups. Mrs. Grillo will develop draft questions and email them to the committee for approval. The school level advisors will assist with the administration of the student surveys for the younger students.
- V. The committee discussed the need for more parent workshops. Proposed ways to deliver information to parents included workshops with parenting strategies and role-playing, workshops during the Spratley open house, video tapes of short informational sessions, links on the web, brochures, and the possibility of auditing classes (Shenandoah's gifted endorsement classes). It was suggested that we ask teachers what workshops they think the parents might need, as well as asking parents what they need.
- VI. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

Members present:

Michelle Bowers  
Cliff Shaffer  
Debbie Butler  
Genia Jones  
Lora Howerton  
Reginald Johns  
Pam Young  
Steven Russell  
Kelly Sowden  
Cornelius Bondzi  
Ruth Grillo