



Hampton City Schools

Local Advisory Committee (LAC) Meeting  
Spratley Gifted Center  
January 20, 2011  
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Michelle Bowers.
2. Copies of recently released documents from the state, *Roles and Responsibilities of Local Gifted Education Advisory Committees* and *Understanding the Virginia Regulations Governing Educational Services for Gifted Students*, were distributed.
3. Mrs. Grillo noted that plans are being made to upgrade the materials in the Spratley media center/library, to meet the needs of advanced middle school students. Specific suggestions for materials or types of materials may be sent to Dr. Crum, Mrs. Grillo, or to the Spratley librarian.
4. Chairman Bowers reviewed the draft of a letter she had prepared, requesting that the School Board grant a one-year extension of the current Local Plan. The guidance template for the new local plans was just released by the state earlier this month, and the committee agreed that more time is needed to adequately prepare the new local plan to meet the requirements of the new Regulations, and to allow time for public input. The committee approved the draft of the letter, which will be sent to the School Board and copied to Dr. Shifflette.
5. The committee reviewed and updated the evaluation surveys that were completed last year as part of the data collection for the gifted annual report. The surveys will be posted electronically within the next few weeks. The committee requested that a survey also be posted for Governor's School parents.
6. A preliminary draft of the 2011 annual report, with projects completed, was approved. Data from the surveys and eligibility numbers will be included in the final version of the report.
7. The committee worked on pieces of the new local plan, including the division statement of philosophy, Hampton's operational definition of giftedness, and the long-term goals and objectives. Mrs. Grillo will incorporate the committee's suggestions as work on the plan continues. Two additional suggestions included making sure that the language in the plan is understandable by parents who do not have a background in education, and considering a supplemental report card for Spratley that addresses topics specific to gifted education.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Members present:

Michelle Bowers

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Ruth Grillo

George Gaten

David Cordner