



Local Advisory Committee (LAC) Meeting
Spratley Gifted Center
April 24, 2014
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Minutes

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.
- II. The Advisory Committee discussed the implications of the proposed HCS budget cuts for gifted programming, especially for Excel Art. Mr. Russell noted that art programs (and Excel Art) serve as a stress reliever for talented students, and are a good outlet for students who may not be participating in sports.
- III. The results of the parent and student surveys were reviewed. There were fewer responses from parents this year because all of the surveys were done electronically. The students did their electronic surveys in class.
- IV. The draft of the annual report was reviewed, with a few changes recommended by Eric Stone and Cliff Shaffer. Mr. Shaffer recommended that we consider the budget implications of possible gifted preschool, gifted theater arts, and gifted summer camps, so when the budget improves, we will know which programs might be the most cost effective. Because of staffing needs, it is likely that a gifted preschool program might be the most cost effective.
- V. The Advisory Committee reviewed the Local Plan addenda, with the addition of changes regarding services for Excel Art, which will no longer be held at Spratley. If the Hampton City Schools budget increases due to changes in the state funding, the addenda will be reviewed again.
- VI. The annual report, the Local Plan addenda, and the proposed 2014-15 membership list will be submitted to the Superintendent, for review at the School Board meeting on May 21.
- VII. The next meeting will be in the fall of 2014, and will be posted on the website.
- VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Members present:

Steven Russell
Cliff Shaffer
Dawn Napier
Ruth Grillo
Arnice Johnson