

**Alexandria City Public Schools
Talented and Gifted Advisory Committee**

November minutes

Meeting Date: November 18, 2009

TAGAC Members Present: Sherry Delaney, Diann Gully, Arthur Johnson, Roslyn Hall, Carol Schaedel, Emma Grimes, Jennifer Lindauer, Anne Marie Ardura

Members Absent: Janice Howard, Jacquelyn Kittredge, Adele Morris, Susan Hyre, Debra Raggio

Guests: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm by Sherry Delaney.

Public Comment: None

Approval of May minutes:

The TAGAC unanimously approved the October minutes on a motion from Emma Grimes, seconded by Carol Schaedel.

Chair's Report:

Ms. Delaney suggested that the committee may want to add another TAGAC work group to look at possible changes to TAG service delivery resulting from the evaluation and redesign of ACPS curricula to meet the goals of the strategic plan. ACPS leadership has started this process with the math curriculum.

Ms. Gully reported that the Governor of Virginia has launched a statewide task force on underidentification of minority students in gifted programs. A Washington Post reporter interviewed Ms. Gully about the ACPS TAG program and an article is pending.

New Business:

Ms. Delaney addressed TAGAC work group assignments: Twice Exceptional (Sherry Delaney), Mentoring Program (Debra Raggio, Arthur Johnson), Co-/Extra-curricular Programs (Carol Schaedel, Roslyn Hall), Underrepresented Populations (Jacquelyn Kittredge, Janice Howard), Parent Outreach (committee of the whole), Regulatory Updates (Adele Morris).

Ms. Gully presented an update on the mentoring program pilot at TC Williams

HS. Currently the mentoring program at the high school is individualized and only in the sciences. The goal is for selected juniors enrolled at TC Williams HS enrolled in a research class to undertake independent research in a professionally equipped laboratory. Two students have been placed with mentors at Georgetown University and will conduct independent research under appropriate guidance.

Old Business:

Ms. Delaney proposed to postpone TAGAC recommendations to the Board until the December meeting when Board Liaison Mimi Carter will be present.

The committee discussed possible topics for TAG parent workshops: social-emotional development/behavior/needs of the gifted child; summer and year round program opportunities for gifted learners; ACPS opportunities for gifted learners; underachievement; twice exceptionality; internship workshops; brain research on the gifted.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.