

Alexandria City Public Schools Talented and Gifted Advisory Committee

April minutes

Meeting Date: April 21, 2010

TAGAC Members Present: Sherry Delaney, Adele Morris, Janice Howard, Mimi Carter, Kim Poff, Anne Marie Ardura

Members Absent: Diann Gully, Carol Schaedel, Jacquelyn Kittredge, Emma Grimes, Roslyn Hall, Jennifer Lindauer, Debra Raggio, Arthur Johnson, Susan Hyre

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Sherry Delaney.

Public Comment: None

Approval of March minutes:

The approval of the March minutes was deferred to the May meeting because there was not a quorum of TAGAC members at the April meeting.

Chair's Report:

Ms. Delaney noted that Ms. Anne Marie Ardura is interested assuming the position of chair of TAGAC, and Ms. Adele Morris is interested in assuming the position of secretary of TAGAC.

New Business:

Ms. Gully was ill and unavailable to update the TAGAC about the mentoring program.

Ms. Delaney suggested that TAGAC might benefit by joining with PTAC and tapping into their resources to help grow the mentoring program. She suggested a work group which could:

1. discuss a communication plan for outreach;
2. cull the information and develop a form to help parents and area businesses indicate what mentoring/workplace opportunities they could provide;
3. create a resources list/database for use by ACPS staff and students.

Additional suggestions proposed include: requiring COGAT testing at Stonewall-Jackson alternative school and asking Mr. John Brown to come and speak with TAGAC in the Fall.

Old Business:

Ms. Delaney reviewed the final Annual Report assignments for the TAGAC Scope of Work:

1. Gifted Regulations: Ms. Adele Morris
2. Open Enrollment memo: Ms. Carol Schaedel (completed)
3. Summary of Underrepresented Data: Ms. Jacquelyn Kittredge

Ms. Morris reported that the change to the Virginia State Regulations were reopened for comment on 2/1/10 and closed on 4/28/10. Four substantive comments, dealing with the underrepresentation of minorities and low income children in gifted programs, were made.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.