

Alexandria City Public Schools

Talented and Gifted Advisory Committee

July 20, 2020 Minutes

Meeting: July 20, 2020, @ Zoom Webinar

Current and Incoming TAGAC Members Present: Zion Besu, Donna Brearley, Lindsay Clarke, Daphney Denerville-Davis, Leigh Dugan, Reese du Pont, Julia Egy, Emily Garrahan, Mark Lacy, Dr. Gerald Mann, Jr., Nicholas Miller, Asha Mede, Susan Nielsen, D Ohlandt, Laura Rose, Kathleen Sheehy, Christopher Suarez, Mary Beth Walker

Old Business:

The committee approved the June Meeting Minutes and the End of Year Report.

New Business:

Update from Donna Brearley:

- The team continues to focus on making summer learning important and focused. ACPS is excited to have access to Renzulli Learning through the end of the summer. Donna sent an email to all TAG families participating in summer learning to provide more information about this new resource. Any families looking for extension and enrichment opportunities should contact their summer learning homeroom teacher for these resources.
- The team is also working to update curriculum and specifically will increase the rigor of texts for the 4/5 ELA program. They are also working to create "ready to go" lessons that teachers can use for the GIA program.

Committee Officers for the 2020-2021 School Year:

- Chair: Laura Rose
- Vice-Chair: D Ohlandt
- Secretary: Leigh Dugan

Committee Discussion:

- The Committee discussed the Scope of Work for the 2020-2021 school year and hopes to finalize it over the first two meetings in the fall. The Committee discussed the possibility of focusing on the Identification Process at all points of entry, Equity, and Delivery of Services for Middle School. The Committee also discussed the possibility of providing feedback regarding virtual learning to the School Board at the end of the First Quarter.
- Donna shared that the National Association for Gifted Children has information on their blog about Equity in Gifted Programs and Adjusting Identification Services in the Time of COVID. For more information, please click [here](#).

Chair Report:

- The Chair encouraged committee members to attend the Virginia Association of the Gifted Virtual Seminar on Aug. 4th, national speakers will cover Covid-19 impacts and Equity.
- The Chair is serving on the ACPS Cross-functional committee for re-opening. She outlined the two options, hybrid and virtual; and how she is advocating for differentiation, accessing 3rd party courses online to meet the needs of gifted learners and identification opportunities for underserved groups that may arise through Renzulli Learning or other programs.

Annual Report Summary: