

**Alexandria City Public Schools**  
**Talented and Gifted Advisory Committee**  
**November 2018 Minutes**

**Meeting:** November 7, 2018, @ Matthew Maury Elementary School

**TAGAC Members Present:** Vivian Awumey, Donna Brearley, Leigh Dugan, Julie Egy, Emily Garrahan, Ana Humphrey, Mark Lacy, Laura Rose, and Mary Beth Walker

**Additional Guests Present:** Tiana Dominick, TAG Instructional Specialist; Dr. Gerald Mann, Executive Director of Secondary Education; Dr. Terri Mazingo, Chief Academic Officer

**Old Business:**

Committee approved October Meeting Minutes.

**New Business:**

The Committee welcomed new member, Mary Beth Walker, to the committee. She is a parent from George Mason Elementary School.

Donna Brearley provided the following update:

- Steering Committee for the Local Plan update met again last month. The Steering Committee will consider feedback from visits to local school systems to explore how each system provides TAG services. Visits to Fairfax County, Arlington County, and Virginia Beach-area schools will be completed by the end of the year. After winter break, the Steering Committee will reconvene to de-brief from the visits. There will be an opportunity for a public comment period on recommendations.

Tiana Dominick provided the following update:

- The expansion of the Young Scholar Program to Ferdinand Day Elementary School, William Ramsey Elementary School, and John Adams Elementary School is under way.
- The Jacob's Ladder curriculum has been purchased for all schools. GIA teachers will be trained in the curriculum over the next month.
- There are 20 Odyssey of the Mind teams across ACPS. Committee member, Leigh Dugan, has been very helpful. There are 7 teams just from Douglas MacArthur Elementary School.

Dr. Gregory Hutchings, Superintendent of Alexandria City Public Schools, introduced himself to the committee. He shared general thoughts about Talented and Gifted education and answered questions from the committee and parent attendees.

Each member of the TAGAC committee is asked to email the Co-Chairs with their top two preferences for sub-committee assignments. The committee will be utilizing the Yahoo Group to help provide additional communication regarding the Governor's School application process.

In December, Clint Page will share updated information from the accountability office.

**Chair Report:**

**Annual Report Summary:**