

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

**Meeting:** September 10, 2018, @ Minnie Howard School

**TAGAC Members Present:** Stacie Andersen, Vivian Awumey, Donna Brearley, Cailin Dore, Leigh Dugan, Julie Egy, Emily Garrahan, Ana Humphrey, Mark Lacy, Stephen Lally, Nicholas Miller, and Laura Rose

**School Board Candidates Present:** Bill Campbell, candidate for School Board District A; Remy Gentry, candidate for School Board District C; Jacintha Green, candidate for School Board District A; John Lennon, candidate for School Board District C; Christopher Suarez, candidate for School Board District A

**Additional Guests Present:** Tiana Dominick, TAG Instructional Specialist; Rachel Forbes-Jackson, Francis Hammond Middle School TAG Resource Teacher; Dr. Terri Mazingo, Chief Academic Officer; Stacy Palmer; George Washington Middle School TAG Resource Teacher

**Old Business:**

Committee approved Annual Report and will approve the [June Meeting Minutes at the October Committee Meeting](#).

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**New Business:**

The Committee invited all candidates running for School Board to attend a TAGAC Meeting. The following candidates attended the September meeting: Bill Campbell (District A), Remy Gentry (District C), Jacintha Green (District A), John Lennon (District C), and Christopher Suarez (District A). Each candidate had a few minutes to share why they were running for School Board. Following the statements, the committee asked the candidates a few questions related to TAG curriculum and priorities. Additional School Board candidates are scheduled to attend the October and November TAGAC meetings.

Nicholas Miller gave a preview of the agenda for future TAGAC meetings:

- In October: proposed TAG curriculum changes at George Washington Middle School
- In December: Clint Page will share updated information from the accountability office
- TBD: an opportunity to meet Dr. Hutchings

Donna Brearley introduced the committee to two new TAG team members: Tiana Dominick and Rachel Forbes-Jackson. She also provided the following update:

- Elementary and Middle School principals will visit schools in Arlington, Fairfax, and Virginia Beach to benchmark their TAG programs. Changes to TAG curriculum has been postponed until after these visits.

- Over the summer, the upper administration received intensive training in differentiation that can apply to all students and teachers. The training has been very beneficial and will continue to be rolled out to others.
- Donna was recently elected the President of the Virginia Association for the Gifted.

Once the committee has finalized membership, sub-committees will also be finalized. This year, sub-committees will focus on actionable recommendations for the 5-year TAG plan and 2020 plan. The committee may add a new sub-committee for training or combine the topic with communication.

The TAG Advocacy Group has moved communications over to a Yahoo Group.

The committee has also suggested that the November meeting be moved to November 7, 2018.

**Chair Report:**

**Annual Report Summary:**