

Alexandria City Public Schools

Talented and Gifted Advisory Committee

November 4, 2019 Minutes

Meeting: November 4, 2019, @ Hammond Middle School

Current and Incoming TAGAC Members Present: Stacie Andersen, Zion Besu, Donna Brearley, Julia Egy, Lindsay Clarke, Emily Garrahan, Mark Lacy, Nick Miller, D Ohlandt, Laura Rose, Kathleen Schoen, Kathleen Sheehy, and Mary Beth Walker

Additional Guests Present: Dr. Gerald Mann, Executive Director of Secondary Instruction; Dr. Rene Paschal, Principal of Samuel Tucker Elementary School.

Old Business:

- October Meeting Minutes approved.

New Business:

- Dr. Rene Paschal was introduced as the new Elementary School representative for TAGAC.
- Update from TAGAC Chair, Laura Rose:
 - Laura met with Cindy Hart, head of the Special Education Committee.
 - She also attended the Elementary School Principals' meeting and had a chance to share TAGAC's goals for the year. Laura asked for help recommending parents that could increase the representation of underrepresented groups on the TAGAC.
- Update from Donna Brearley:
 - The Local Plan has not undergone any changes. There will be an update to the School Board about the Local Plan in December.
 - Dr. Cash visited ACPS for 3 days. On the first day, he observed general education and TAG classes at an Elementary School. He had a chance to attend the Principals' meeting and held an additional training for 45 attendees. On the last day, he spent half a day at Hammond Middle School and another half day at George Washington Middle School.
- Update from Scott Joftus from FourPoint Educational Partners
 - FourPoint Educational Partners was selected to help facilitate the 2025 Strategic Vision update.
 - They are focusing on six key areas: Governance, Finance, School Improvement, Community Voice, Instructional Delivery, College and Career Readiness.
 - A draft report has been delivered to Dr. Hutchings for review.
 - In December, the group will begin drafting the Strategic Plan.
- Darrell Sampson, the new Director of Counseling, came to meet the committee and provide a brief overview of counseling services at ACPS.
- There will be two special speaker events in November and December:
 - Dr. Naglieri was speak at Ferdinand T Day School on November 18th from 7-8:30PM.

- Mr. William Knudsen from NAGC will speak at Ferdinand T Day School on December 16 from 7-8:30PM

Chair Report:

Annual Report Summary: