

Alexandria City Public Schools

Talented and Gifted Advisory Committee

March 2019 Minutes

Meeting: March 11, 2019, @ Ferdinand T. Day Elementary School

TAGAC Members Present: Leigh Dugan, Julia Egy, Emily Garrahan, Mark Lacy, Nick Miller, D Ohlandt, Laura Rose, Kathleen Sheehy, Chris Suarez, and Mary Beth Walker

Additional Guests Present: Tiana Dominick, TAG Instructional Specialist; Dr. Gerald Mann, Executive Director of Secondary Education; Several parents representing schools such as Douglas MacArthur, Matthew Maury, and James Polk.

Old Business:

Committee approved the February Meeting Minutes pending a change to include all engagement opportunities mentioned at the last meeting.

New Business:

During the public comments section of the meeting, parents asked about the overall process and timeline for updating the Local Plan and the structure and agenda for the Superintendent Chat on April 11th.

Donna Brearley presented the following update:

- Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth (CTY) has summer programs available and an Alexandria location. They have offered to do a parent information session. Once Donna has a date, she will distribute further information to the group.
- Dr. Cash gave a presentation on Monday, March 4th. He will return in December for another presentation. He was here last week to kick off the differentiation initiative. A group of TAG, Special Education, 4/5 general education teachers, as well as other representatives will work with him in August. In the fall, they will start trying to work on strategies to enhance units. There is a plan to look at middle school with a consultant next year.
 - o The TAGAC requested to see the RFP for the consultant before it is sent out to help make sure that it is consistent across elementary, middle, and high schools.
- A draft of the updated local plan is scheduled to be released in April with community sessions. The document will be available for public comment for 30 days.

For the majority of the committee meeting, the committee again split into two smaller groups, Elementary School sub-group and Middle School sub-group, to discuss and update position papers in response to the updated Local Plan.

The Committee brainstormed potential questions and topics of discussion for the April 11th Superintendent Chat about TAG Education.

Chair Report:

Annual Report Summary: