

## Alexandria City Public Schools

### Talented and Gifted Advisory Committee

#### March 8, 2021 Minutes

**Meeting:** March 8, 2021, @ Zoom Webinar

**Current TAGAC Members Present:** Zion Bezu, Daphney Denerville-Davis, Leigh Dugan, Reese du Pont, Mark Lacy, D Ohlandt, Laura Rose, Kathleen Sheehy, Lindsay Clarke, Julia Egy, Asha Mede, Dr. Gerald Mann, Mary Beth Walker, Melissa Kuhn, Chris Suarez, Nicholas Miller, Emily Garrahan, Rene Paschal, Michael Dukes (guest), Kevin Brady (guest)

#### **Old Business:**

The committee approved the February 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes.

#### **New Business:**

Laura Rose provided updates on various topics including:

- She shared that she had a meeting with School Board Chair M. Alderton where there were broad conversations about committee roles. It was also suggested that the school board advisory committees receive direct feedback from the School Board when we submit the Scope of Work and the End-of-Year Reports.
- The Indicators Report is 'available' but has not yet been provided to the TAGAC committee
- Susan Nielson is still working to make sure we have access to the videos from TAGAC Meetings where we had guest speakers. They are nearly done being captioned. Ms. Nielson will send Ms. Rose a link to the videos she has for subcommittees to use during their reports.
- The Virginia Association of Gifted Children is hosting a free workshop/seminar on March 18 from 7-8:30 P.M. where Carol Malueg, a SENG certified facilitator, entitled Supporting the Social-Emotional Needs of Gifted Learners During Challenging Times. Register at <https://www.vagifted.org/>

Subcommittee members met in rolling meetings from 7:15-8:55

- Virtual Learning Subcommittee
- Identification and Testing Subcommittee
- Guest Speaker Recommendation Subcommittee
- K-12 Roadmap Subcommittee
- Student Voices Subcommittee

Dr. Mann provided the staff update:

- He introduced Dr. Megan Tempel-Milner, the new Director of Gifted Programs and Advanced Academics

**Thinking Ahead:**

- The Next Meeting is April 12, 2021, where we'll hear more about the Annual Indicators. We may discuss leadership roles for TAGAC for next year, and possibly discuss amending the bylaws to allow TAGAC membership to increase beyond the current 15 members.