

Alexandria City Public Schools
Talented and Gifted Advisory Committee

March 20, 2023 Minutes

John Adams ES Media Center, 5651 Rayburn Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22311

Meeting: March 20, 2023 @6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Current TAGAC Members Present: Evan Smith (Vice Chair), Ettasue Harris (Secretary), Liza Burrell, Lillian Pace, Catherine Baker

Guests: Jeremy Miller (TAG Parent), PreAnn Johnson (Acting Principal-John Adams), Mashari Whitfield (TAG Specialist for ACPS), Carmen Sanders (Executive Director of Instructional Support)

Old Business:

- Minutes from February meeting were not approved because so few TAGAC members were present
- Mashari Whitfield introduced herself as the newly hired TAG specialist. Ms Whitfield comes to this position after being an itinerant TAG teacher at ACPS.

Public Remarks:

- TAG Parent Jeremy Miller expressed concern about the pullout aspect of TAG instruction. He finds this to be a beneficial service and does not want it to be removed or discontinued from K-3 TAG instruction.
- Note from TAGAC and Office of Advanced Academic Programs: Pullout services for K-3 TAG are not part of the current or proposed Local Plan, although some schools have nonetheless been using a pullout service for TAG students in K-3.

New Business:

- Work Session on End of Year Report

Outline for Recommendation on Differentiation:

- Professional Training/Development
- Human Resources

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm by Vice Chair Evan Smith

Next TAGAC Meeting: April 17, 2023, 6:30pm

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