

Petersburg City Public Schools

Gifted Advisory Committees Meeting - GAC

March 17, 2022

Facilitator: Dr. Tracie Daniels

Attendees: Tracie Daniels, Chairman Pritchett, Supt. Pitre-Martin, Tarnisha Rose, Carlette K. Pegram, Beverly Fludd-Flanagan, Mandelia Fisher, Lakeshia Tinsley, Belinda Piercy, and Regina Farr

The virtual meeting of the Gifted Advisory Committee was called to order by Dr. Daniels at 5:33 p.m. Dr. Daniels welcomed and recognized all members to the meeting. Chairman Pritchett rendered warm greetings to the Gifted Advisory Committee. Dr. Daniels reminded everyone that the last meeting of the GAC will be in May.

The minutes from the last meeting were read by Mrs. Farr. There were no questions or concerns. Mr. Fisher made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mrs. Piercy seconded the motion. The minutes will be filed and posted on the website.

Gifted Services Update: Dr. Fludd -Flanagan shared a powerpoint presentation detailing gifted services updates. A few highlights included:

- A graph was showed to show the number of gifted students before the universal testing using the Naglieri and after the administration of the test.
 - The Cogat testing for grade 2 students is in progress this week and next week.
 - Dr. Fludd-Flanagan stated that the building committee will have the final say so as to whether a student receives gifted services.
 - Dr. Fludd-Flanagan indicated that next steps would include accelerated Math and English for 5th graders.
 - The projected number of gifted students in grades K-12 is 239.
- This powerpoint presentation will be attached to the minutes and filed.

Supt. Dr. Pitre-Martin was welcomed and recognized to the Gifted Advisory Committee and rendered warm greetings.

Specialty Schools Update: Mrs. Farr noted that the students have been identified for acceptance into ARGs, MLWGS and CodeRVA for the 2022-23 school year. Acceptance, waitlisted and non-acceptance letters have been mailed to all applicants. Some clarification was given as to the criteria that is used to determine acceptance into a specialty school.

This report will be attached to the minutes and filed.

New Business/ Items for Discussion:

Dr. Daniels asked for any suggestions, recommendations or ideas for the gifted program.

Chairman Pritchett suggested that the students accepted into the Specialty schools would be invited to a future School Board meeting to be introduced.

Mrs. Rose inquired how are the students are being prepared for entry into a specialty school and if there were workshops available for our students.

Mrs. Pegram asked if any consideration has been given to providing summer activities for our gifted students. Dr. Daniels announced that the Summer Learning Academy is being planned now and will be open for all students. Additionally, field trips and activities are being planned for STEM Scholars this summer.

Mrs. Piercy announced that the Petersburg Chapter of the Links, Inc. will be awarding one scholarship to a graduating senior at Petersburg High School. She asked that students will be encouraged to apply by April 4.

Also, Chairman Pritchett announced that the Central Virginia Chapter of Norfolk State University of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. also will be giving one scholarship to a graduating senior this year. The desire is to award this scholarship to a graduating senior at Petersburg High School. Both, Dr. Daniels and Dr. Pitre-Martin requested that scholarship information would also be sent to them as well

as the school counselors. They will ensure that some of our Petersburg graduating seniors will apply.

Mr. Fisher commented that the students enjoy coming to the gifted program each week at Walnut Hill Elementary and the growth in students is evident.

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Submitted by Mrs. Regina Farr