



PETERSBURG CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Petersburg School District Gifted Education Program
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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

12 January 2023

SUBJECT: Petersburg City Public Schools Gifted Advisory Committee Meeting.
Meeting Minutes (12 Jan 23, 5:30pm – 6:30pm)

1. Welcome and Review.

Since our last meeting, the Gifted Program has explored some fun new topics and pushed ourselves to reach a few exciting goals! During our last meeting, we all shared the desire to demonstrate to the division and the community that we are here and ready to move us forward. We continue to share that sentiment and hope, with the addition of some new voices and ideas, to grow our program to provide more opportunities to students and families who are interested!

2. Attendance.

Dr. Fludd-Flanagan (Coordinator and Organizer)
Kirsten Katzenbach (Gifted Teacher)
Kenneth Pritchett (School Board Chairman)
Dana Peagler Crivaro (Gifted Teacher and Minute-keeper)
Mandelia Fisher (Principal of Walnut Hill Elementary)
Dr. Tamara Sterling (Superintendent)

3. Gifted Services Updates: The Gifted Education Program hosted the Petersburg City Public Schools Gifted Advisory Committee meeting on January 12, 2023 via Zoom Video Conference. A meeting agenda was provided to all participants prior to attendance. Summarized minutes from the meeting follow:

A. Specialty Schools

1. 24 applicants for ARGS!

13 applicants for Maggie Walker!

2. Dr. Fludd and Mrs. Peagler Crivaro will be going to ARGS Saturday, January 14th to assist with the first Adjudication day for rising freshmen. Our goal was to have at least 20 applications to Specialty Schools, and we are so pleased to have exceeded that goal! Another Adjudication for ARGS will be January 21st, and Maggie Walker's will be held January 28th for assessments.

3. Mrs. Peagler Crivaro detailed the Governor School preparation that has been taking place at the middle school by explaining the different focus areas students were applying for, such as Visual Arts, Theatre, Technology, Literary Arts, and Instrumental Music. The students have been working since November to collaborate and create stellar portfolios to present for their interviews.

B. Elementary and Secondary Schools

- 1. Rainforest- Lapbook presentations have been taking place at the elementary schools. Students have been exploring the levels of the rainforest (forest floor, canopy, emergent layer) and the animals that live in them (sloths, toucans, black panthers, frogs, etc) per Mrs. Katzenbach*
- 2. Space and the Planets- This semester, elementary and secondary schools will be discovering the various parts of the solar system, such as the planets, the sun, the moon, the stars, and related topics to align with science SOLs such as matter and mass per Dr. Fludd and Mrs. Katzenbach*
- 3. Stem scholars- This past December, Dr. Jackson and STEM Scholars at Lakemont hosted an event where students worked with Sphero Robots. They learned the importance of following directions, coding, and more per Mrs. Peagler Crivaro*
- 4. Christmas cards- The 4th graders at Lakemont were excited for the holidays and wanted to decorate the Gifted room door with Christmas cards. The students were proud to display their hard work per Mrs. Peagler Crivaro*

4. New Business / Items for Discussion/Questions

- 1. Newsletter- A monthly/quarterly newsletter has been proposed by Dr. Fludd as a response to a comment made by Dr. Sterling to continue our efforts to share the good work of the program! Principal Fisher suggested sharing the newsletter with all principals in each school for distribution along with their monthly newsletters to families. More to come on this in the next meeting.*
- 2. Many new referrals/Universal testing- As we continue to receive referrals and interest for the program, Dr. Fludd is working with Dr. Price to establish a testing plan for those students, as well as some Universal Testing. With a rigorous testing calendar for the semester, scheduling has been a challenge to navigate for Gifted testing. The Gifted team will continue to build folders and collect necessary information from teachers in the meantime to aid in the process.*
- 3. By-Laws (revisited)- No motions to make any changes were made at this time. We will continue to include the opportunity in our advisory meetings in the future. Due to attendance, there were also no elections made for officers at this time.*

5. Motion to Adjourn. The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dr. Fludd-Flanagan at approximately 6:30pm. The motion was seconded by Dr. Sterling.

7. Next Meeting. The next meeting will be hosted by the Gifted Program on 9 March 2023 at 5:30pm via Zoom Video Conference.

8. Point of Contact. Dr. Fludd-Flanagan, bfludd-flanagan@petersburg.k12.va.us