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November 14, 2016
1:00 p.m. - Baierl Center

MEETING MINUTES

Welcome:

Jacki Herring welcomed everyone and introduced the GOAL team from the high school to provide an overview of GOAL opportunities at the high school level.

Presentation: GOAL Programming at NASH – GOAL Team

NASH Goal team members Cris Ruffolo, Janellen Lombardi and Kathy Will provided an overview of the programs available for GOAL students at the high school. The team emphasized that the GOAL programs are not in competition with classroom teachers and many programs are offered collaboratively so that non-GOAL students may also participate. There is a menu of 91 items that are regularly offered as well as additional opportunities bringing the total number of programs available in excess of 130 in any given year. During the 2015-2016 academic year, there were 135 unique Individual Opportunities (IOs) offered with 91% of all GOAL students participating. Opportunities by category include:

College prep process	International Studies
Career Exploration	Math
Art/Music Performance	Science
Business	Service and Club Collaborations
Engineering and Medicine	Technology
English & Communications	World Language
General Knowledge Competitions	

Presentation: Gifted Screening and Identification Data – Gwynn Maximo

Gwynn Maximo share a summary of the district's gifted screening and identification statistics since 2008. She shared that data was not collected during the 2012-13 or 13-14 academic years due to the retirement of the school psychologist and transition in the screening matrices. The summary showed a decrease in the number of referrals from 223 referrals in 2008 to 137 in 2016 as well as a decrease in the qualification rate. On average, 50% of those students screened qualified for gifted education. Parent referrals have increase during this time. It is important to note that if a parent referral is the first step, the screening process is not done for that student. Ms. Maximo and her team continue to monitor the process for both efficiency and efficacy.

Ms. Maximo's presentation can be found on the district website:

<http://www.northallegHENY.org/Page/15322>

The next NAPAGE meeting will take place on Monday, January 9, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at the Baierl Center. Please share ideas for future meeting topics or speakers with Jacki or Elinor.

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Mission Statement:

NAPAGE is a parent support/advocacy group. We are the North Allegheny chapter of the Pennsylvania Association for Gifted Education (PAGE). PAGE is a nonprofit advocacy group dedicated to helping gifted learners, parents and educators. You can visit their website at www.giftedpage.org for more information.

NAPAGE’s mission is to advocate for and support gifted children and their families in the North Allegheny School District. We accomplish this by:

- Providing parent representation to NA’s Gifted Advisory Committee (GAC and SEAC)
- Sharing experiences, concerns and successes
- Proactively addressing issues that arise
- Encouraging the use of best practices in gifted education

NAPAGE Officers 2016-2017 School Year:

President	Jacki Herring	412-952-1096
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Supervisor of Special Education and Pupil Services	Gwynn Maximo
Gifted Support Master Teacher	Sharon Kroll

Building Representatives to the Gifted Advisory Council 2016-2017 School Year:

Elementary		High School	
Bradford Woods	Anne Yatchenko	NAI	Mary Lee Majewski
Franklin	Anisha Shah		Lingga Herman
Hosack	Kathy Dwyer	NASH	Yanbing Ye
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Marshall Elementary	Dilhari DeAlmeida		
Peebles	Elizabeth Warner		
Middle School			
Carson Middle	Sue Gaertner		
	Melissa Tabbarah		
Ingomar Middle	Joe Greenberg		
	Mary Wolfe		
Marshall Middle	Julie Evanish		
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