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January 9, 2017

1:00 p.m. - Baierl Center

MEETING MINUTES

Welcome:

Jacki Herring welcomed everyone and the 2016-2017 NAPAGE Officers introduced themselves. All building representatives to the Gifted Advisory Council (GAC) who were present also introduced themselves. School district representatives, Sharon Kroll (Gifted Support Master Teacher) and Gwynn Maximo (Supervisor of Special Education and Pupil Services) were also in attendance.

Treasurer and Membership Officer Rebecca Hufnagle invited everyone to become members of NAPAGE. Registration for the 2016-2017 school year is \$10.00 and is good through August 2017. Membership fees are used to cover the costs of affiliate fee to PAGE (Pennsylvania Association of Gifted Education), the teacher awards given at the end of the year and the cost of mementos presented to speakers. Please contact Rebecca to become a member of NAPAGE.

Business:

Gifted Advisory Committee (GAC)

The two remaining Gifted Advisory Council meetings are scheduled for March 14 and April 11. The meetings will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Ponce Room at the Baierl Center.

Upcoming Events:

- A SEAC meeting is scheduled for February 9th.
- Boys Night Out, for 7th and 8th grade boys is scheduled for February 10, 2017 at NAI.
- Girls Only Leadership Development (GOLD) is scheduled for February 24, 2017 at NAI.
- An event for mothers and their high school aged daughters is scheduled for May 12th. Registration priority will be given to current members of NAPAGE. Additional details about the event and how to register will be sent via email to current NAPAGE members.

Upcoming NAPAGE Meetings:

February 6, 2017 – 6:30 p.m., outside speaker to present

March 13, 2017 – 9:30 a.m., representative from the district guidance office to present

April 10, 2017 – 1:00 p.m., presentation to be determined

May 15, 2017 – 9:30 a.m., presentation to be determined

Consumer Concerns:

Jacki encouraged those in attendance to share their concerns which are then reviewed with Gwynn Maximo and Sharon Kroll at their monthly meeting.

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Concerns discussed during this meeting:

- **Homework Procedures** – Ms. Maximo shared that the district’s current homework procedures would be reviewed during the Academic Support Team’s February meeting. Revisions will be a part of the review process and communicated to teachers at the building level.
- **Reading Enrichment** - Ms. Maximo and Mrs. Kroll reviewed the English Language Arts Plus (ELAP) program, a general education enrichment program. Because all students in grades 1-5 are screened annually, it is possible for a student to qualify one year and not the next. If a student with a GIEP does not meet the ELAP requirements for participation in a given year and reading comprehension is identified as a strength in their Gifted Written Report (GRW), an annual goal for reading comprehension with Specially Designed Instruction (SDI) will be developed. Documentation for this is found in the Present Levels of Performance (PLEPS) in the Gifted Individualized Education Plan (GIEP) and in the Notice of Recommended Assignment (NORA) for enrichment of reading comprehension.

Projections to ACT/PSAT/SAT

Ms. Maximo made a presentation explaining the Pennsylvania Value Added Assessment System (PVAAS) growth assessment data. She reviewed projection probability descriptors and shared projections for grades 6-11 using PSAT results and SAT/ACT results for students enrolled in grades 9-12. Projections were provided for each class as a whole as well as projections for students participating in gifted education.

Ms. Maximo’s presentation can be viewed on the district website:

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

The next NAPAGE meeting will take place on Monday, February 6, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Baierl Center. Please share ideas for future meeting topics or speakers with Jacki or Elinor.

Mission Statement:

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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
Vice President	Elinor Avigad	724-934-4334
Treasurer & Membership	Rebecca Hufnagle	412-367-4695
Secretary	Amy Franz	412-952-5597
Website	Jen Husek	412-512-5430

Administration:

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		Yanbing Ye
Ingomar Elementary	Anne Paczula		Suzanne Bridges
Marshall Elementary	Dilhari DeAlmeida		
Peebles	Elizabeth Warner		
Middle School			
Carson Middle	Sue Gaertner	NASH	
	Melissa Tabbarah		
Ingomar Middle	Joe Greenberg		
	Mary Wolfe		
Marshall Middle	Julie Evanish		
	Harkirat Dhingra		