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April 10, 2017

1:00 p.m. - Baierl Center

MEETING MINUTES

Welcome:

Jacki Herring welcomed everyone and all those who were present introduced themselves. School district representative Gwynn Maximo (Supervisor of Special Education and Pupil Services) was in also attendance.

Jacki reviewed the mission of NAPAGE and announced that handouts from previous meetings were available on the table at the back of the room, as well as copies of gifted magazines. She then opened the floor for a general discussion and review of consumer concerns.

Business:

Gifted Advisory Committee (GAC)

The final Gifted Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for April 11 at the central administration building.

Upcoming Events:

- An event for mothers and their high school aged daughters is scheduled for Saturday, May 13, 2017 from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. at the Baierl Center. Registration priority will be given to current members of NAPAGE and is limited to the first 25 mother/daughter pairs. While the event is free, the speaker, Laura Freedman, has asked that participants make a donation to Strong Women Strong Girls. The suggested donation level is \$25.00. Additional details about the event and how to register was sent via email to current NAPAGE members.

Upcoming NAPAGE Meetings:

May 15, 2017 – 9:30 a.m. – There will be a presentation on the GOAL program at NAI.

Consumer Concerns

Homework Procedures

The administrators are reviewing the procedures for homework and expectations for completion of work missed during GOAL field trips and IOs. The review includes updating the website to ensure the policy reflects the appropriate language. Building level principals will address homework procedures at in-service meetings. An update on the procedures will be presented at a future NAPAGE meeting.

Focus Groups and surveys

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On April 6, Dr. Shearer and Mr. Christopher conducted district wide focus groups to help identify the sources of academic pressure and the level of pressure students are experiencing at North Allegheny. In addition, the district conducted a survey regarding stress and what is causing it. A cross section of elementary students grades 4 and 5 and all grades 6-12 were selected to participate (every 19th student) Homework consistently ranked in the top three stressors of those surveyed.

I/O Opportunities at NAI

A parent inquired how students at the Intermediate building are made aware of I/O opportunities. NAI GOAL students have several opportunities to learn about I/O opportunities. This includes: monthly meetings for students; announcements in the remind system; GOAL information on NAI website which is updated weekly. Popular events fill quickly. The GOAL room is located next to the cafeteria and students are encouraged to visit the GOAL room during lunch.

A second concern is that freshmen students may be feeling pressure to complete assignments missed when attending I/O events. As a reminder, I/O opportunities are discussed during the annual GIEP meeting. If necessary, other meetings can be scheduled during the year for a review of records. If it is determined that a student's regular education curriculum is meeting their needs, this can reduce the pressure.

Students traveling to other buildings for math

Advanced math classes are aggregated to three of the seven elementary buildings. There is concern that the students who are required to travel are returning to their buildings late and this is having an impact on their regular course work. GOAL teachers are encouraged to review the building schedules and the concentration of students requiring advanced math in each building to disrupt the smallest number of students.

Disciplinary Actions for GOAL Students

A question arose concerning disciplinary actions and if discipline was implemented differently for GOAL students. In the event a student is twice exceptional, a student the 504 guidelines will be followed.

The next NAPAGE meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 15, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. at the Baierl Center in the Ponce Room.

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
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Treasurer & Membership	Rebecca Hufnagle	412-367-4695
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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		