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September 18, 2017
9:30 a.m. - Baierl Center

MEETING MINUTES

Welcome:

Jacki Herring welcomed everyone and the NAPAGE officers and Building Representatives to the Gifted Advisory Committee were asked to introduce themselves. Gwynn Maximo, Supervisor of Special Education and Pupil Services, was also introduced. Gifted Support Master Teacher, Shari Schlosser, was unable to attend but will participate in October. Jacki explained that she and NAPAGE vice president, Elinor Avigad, meet with Gwynn and Shari monthly to discuss consumer concerns.

Jacki then reviewed the NAPAGE mission, shared the resources available on the www.giftedtigers.org website and the publications available on loan.

Those in attendance were asked to recommend topics for future NAPAGE meetings. Requests were made to have speakers knowledgeable on standardized testing and PHEAA representatives to discuss college admissions. Elinor announced that the director of admissions at CMU will be featured at the January meeting.

Building Representatives to the Gifted Advisory Council:

Representatives to the Gifted Advisory Council are needed in the following buildings: Bradford Woods, Hosack and Marshall Elementary, NASH and NAI. These individuals are members of the district's Gifted Advisory Council and bring forth any concerns from the parents in their respective building. Anyone interested in serving as the representative for these buildings is asked to contact Jacki.

Upcoming Gifted Advisory Committee Meetings

October 10
November 14
March 13
April 10

All meetings are held from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Announcements

GOAL open houses are scheduled in the district's seven elementary schools. They will take place on the same evening as 2nd and 3rd grade curriculum night. All GOAL teachers are using the same PowerPoint presentation. GAC representatives or NAPAGE representatives will participate in the presentations and be available for questions.

The district has hired a new school psychologist. Staff have been assigned to schools based on enrollment, number of referrals and evaluations to make coverage more equitable.

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The middle school GOAL program has been restructured so that students will participate in Strength Area Modules (SAM)

Upcoming Events

September 18th, 5:30 p.m. – NAI GOAL Open House, Naviance Training at 6:00 p.m.

September 26th, 10:00 a.m. – Middle School Open House at IMS

September 26th, 6:00 p.m. – Middle School Open House at MMS (repeat of program at IMS)

September 28th, 9:30 a.m. - Superintendent's Coffee at Franklin Elementary

September 28th, 5:30 p.m. – NASH GOAL Open House, Naviance Training at 6:00 p.m.

Information on college visits are now announced on Naviance

Teacher Awards

In years past, NAPAGE presented teacher awards based upon student nominations. For this program to continue, someone will need to volunteer to administer the process. Please contact Jacki if this is something you would be interested in doing.

Consumer Concerns

Homework policy – if a student is out of the building for an I/O, homework is to be turned in the day that it is due.

The next NAPAGE meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 16th at 9:30 a.m. at the Baierl Center in the Ponce Room.

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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 2017-2018 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	Shari Schlosser

Building Representatives to the Gifted Advisory Council 2017-2018 School Year:

Elementary

Bradford Woods	Joel Halapin
Franklin	Anisha Shah
Hosack	Kathy Dwyer
McKnight	Dana Getz
Ingomar Elementary	Anne Paczula
Marshall Elementary	Stacie Agnesi
Peebles	Elizabeth Warner

Middle School

Carson Middle	Sue Gaertner	NAI
	Kathy Dwyer	
Ingomar Middle	Joe Greenberg	NASH
	Mary Wolfe	
Marshall Middle	Julie Evanish	
	Dilhari	
	DeAlmeida	
	Harkirat Dhingra	

High School

Michelle Faber
Jude Cleary
Michelle Leavitt McCarran
Kathy Miller
Linga Herman