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October 16, 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 introduced themselves. Gwynn Maximo, Supervisor of Special Education and Pupil Services and Gifted Support Master Teacher, Shari Schlosser were also introduced.

New gifted support teacher

Shari Schlosser provided information on her background and time at North Allegheny. She is based at Peebles Elementary. When asked how new GOAL teachers receive training, Shari indicated that she schedules a one-on-one training session with the teacher. Part-time gifted teachers are encouraged to attend the gifted in-service dates when possible.

MTSS implementation

McKnight and Ingomar Elementary schools are in year two of implementing Multi-Tiered Support System (MTSS.) It is a fluid process which looks at data and groups of students to assess what students need. WIN (What I Need) sessions are offered four days a week.

Upcoming Gifted Advisory Committee Meetings

November 14

March 13

April 10

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

Upcoming Events

October 23rd 9:30 a.m. – Superintendent’s Coffee at NAI

October 24th 7:00 p.m.- Community Connections Meeting at CMS; discussion of mindfulness strategies being used by the district

College Visits to NASH now on Naviance

November 9th 7:00 p.m. – Focus Group at MMS

November 13th 7:00 p.m. – Focus Group at CMS (repeat of November 9 meeting)

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.

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Discussion – Grade Weighting

Jacki then opened the floor to discuss *Measuring Success Framework and Tackling Student Stress*. Two of the four systematic factors, grade weighting and school start times, will be addressed this year. The current grade weighting description was provided on the back of the agenda. The district has scheduled two information sessions in November. Sleep experts and college admission representatives will serve as panel members. Jacki encouraged the group's attendance at one of the meetings. Following the meetings, all families in the district will receive an electronic survey containing questions regarding school start times and grade weighting.

The next NAPAGE meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 13th 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
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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	Shari Schlosser

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

Elementary

Bradford Woods	Joel Halapin
Franklin	Anisha Shah
Hosack	OPEN
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