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Maryland State Advisory Council on Gifted and Talented Education

Maryland State Department of Education, 8th Floor, Conference Room 1

October 1, 2008 9:00 a.m. –1:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- 9:00 Sign-In/Refreshments/ Review Handouts
- 9:20 Call to Order/Welcome New Members Phyllis Bailey, Chair
- 9:30 Charge to the Council Dr. Nancy S. Grasmick
Superintendent of Schools
- 10:00 Break
- 10:30 Presentation: STEM: One School System’s Approach Dr. Maureen McMahon
Anne Arundel County
- 11:15 Discussion: *In what ways might STEM initiatives support the unique learning needs of gifted and talented students?* Advisory Council
- 11:30 *The Critical Middle: A Reason for Hope* Mary Gable, Director
Middle School Steering Committee Instructional Programs
- 12:00 Professional Development Subcommittee Update Katherine Rigler
PD Subcommittee Chair
- 12:30– Discussion of 2008 – 2009 Council Goals Phyllis Bailey
1:00 and formation of Subcommittee Workgroups

Coming Events in Gifted Education

Maryland State Conference on Gifted and Talented Education: October 17, 2008, New Town High School, Owings Mills, MD (Baltimore County west).

The next meetings of the Advisory Council are:

December 11, 2008, February 3, 2009; April 23, 2009.

Materials and Handouts

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GT Advisory Council Roster, 2008 - 2009	The MD Middle School Steering Committee Report
Update on the PD Subcommittee Report	Maryland Classrooms: <i>Gifted Education in Maryland</i>
PSTEB Memo: Proposed GT Specialist	<i>Top 10 Things Parents Should Know about GT in MD</i>
<i>Maryland Institutional Performance Criteria-</i> revised 5.19.08	GT Advisory Council Trifold Brochure
NAGC federal legislative update: <i>Higher Education Act</i>	<i>MCGATE and MEGS State Conference</i> brochures
GT Advisory Subcommittees	<i>Advocacy: Partner with STEM</i> (article from PHP)
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Minutes of the October 1, 2008 Meeting

The October 1, 2008 meeting was held at the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) with the following Council members in attendance: Phyllis Bailey (Co-Chair), Rose R. Blucher, Dr. Kim Bobola, Karen Bond, Laura Carriere, Kathleen Cecil, Susan Davis, Dr. Linda Emerick, Phyllis Ettinger, Dr. Monique Felder, Connie Finney, Karen Ganjon, Michele Hampton, Bertha Knight, Dr. Maureen Mc Mahon, Shirley Moran, Lara Morrell, Mary Murray, Dr. Jeanne Paynter, Van Reiner, Chrisandra Richardson, Katherine Rigler, Mike Shealey, Gillian Simon, Charlotte Stokes, Dr. Paul Tanenbaum, Penny Zimring, Stephanie Zenker, and Helaine Zinaman. Also in attendance were Dr. Colleen Seremet and Mary Gable.

Call to Order and Welcome to New Members:

Chair Phyllis Bailey called the meeting to order at 9:20 and welcomed the thirteen new members to the Council. Ms. Bailey reviewed last year's goals and introduced Dr. Nancy Grasmick, State Superintendent of Schools.

Charge to the Council

Dr. Grasmick began her charge to the Council by reiterating the importance of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) initiative which will bring 45,000 – 65,000 new positions to our state. She said that those families considering the move to Maryland deeply value education and this interest should elevate the importance of gifted and talented education. She recognized the Council's efforts to market the Maryland public schools' success stories. Among these efforts, she recognized the Council's reception in Annapolis and the video that was produced which communicates to the public that our schools are for *all* students. She asked the Council to continue this initiative.

Dr. Grasmick suggested that the Council support MCGATE in engaging parents to lobby for gifted and talented education because "people listen to parents." She referenced the new MSDE publications "Top 10 Things Parents Need to Know About Gifted Education" and the September edition of *Maryland Classrooms* dedicated to Gifted and Talented Education. Dr. Grasmick commended all who have worked to advance the proposed draft of regulations for certification in Gifted and Talented Education and said that this would be "a huge milestone." She said to keep this issue before the public.

This year, she asked the Council to take a specific focus on the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). For the past three years, there has been \$2 million in the state budget for local school system STEM planning and implementation grants. This year, all 24 school systems have a grant. She said that "gifted education interfaces with these career pathways" and that there needs to be a "coupling" with STEM programs.

The Governor's P-20 Council has three goals in the areas of STEM, Career Technology Education (CTE), and principal preparation, and "we should relate to these areas." Gifted education should be featured overtly in all three reports.



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Presentations

Dr. Maureen Mc Mahon, Director of Advanced Programs in Anne Arundel County Public Schools, presented *STEM: One School System’s Approach*.

Mary Gable, Director of Instructional Programs, presented an overview of the new report of the Middle School Steering Committee, *The Critical Middle: A Reason for Hope*. The report contains 16 recommendations for meeting the needs of middle level learners among which is an explicit recommendation for Advanced/Gifted and Talented students.

Katherine Rigler, Chair of the Professional Development Subcommittee, presented an update on the progress of the certification regulations for Specialist in Gifted and Talented Education. The draft regulation is to be presented to the State Board of Education on October 2, 2008. The Board can vote to publish the regulation for public comment or to table the regulation for further discussion.

Subcommittees

Chair Phyllis Bailey introduced this year’s subcommittees and goals, and council members met briefly with their groups. The four subcommittees are: STEM integration, Programs and Services, Professional Development, and Public Awareness.

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The following materials and handouts were provided to the Council:

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The Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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