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**Maryland State Advisory Council on Gifted and Talented Education**

Maryland State Department of Education, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Conference Room 1

December 11, 2008 9:00 a.m. –1:00 p.m.

**AGENDA**

- 9:00 Sign-In/Refreshments/ Review Minutes
- 9:15 Call to Order Phyllis Bailey, Chair  
Approval of Minutes
- 9:30 Presentation: *Developing A Gifted and Talented Parent Information Group* Karen Ganjon  
Betty Bloomfield  
Carroll County Public Schools
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 Update: *Celebrating Gifted Education Reception* in Annapolis, February 11, 2009 Michele Hampton, Chair  
Public Awareness Subcommittee
- MSDE Update Dr. Jeanne Paynter  
Maryland State Department of  
Education
- 11:00 Update: *Certification for Specialist in Gifted and Talented Education* Katherine Rigler, Chair  
Professional Development  
Subcommittee
- 11:15 Assignment of Tasks for Subcommittees Phyllis Bailey
  - 1. STEM Integration
  - 2. Programs and Services
  - 3. Professional Development
  - 4. Public Awareness
- 11:30– 1:00 Subcommittee Workgroups Advisory Council Members

**The next meetings of the Advisory Council are:**

February 3, 2009; February 11, 2009 (Annapolis Reception) April 23, 2009.



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### Minutes of the December 11, 2008 Meeting

**The December 11, 2008 meeting was held at the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) with the following Council members in attendance:** Phyllis Bailey (Chair), Rose R. Blucher, Linda Boteach, Dr. Kim Bobola, Laura Carriere, Susan Davis, Dr. Linda Emerick, Phyllis Ettinger, Dr. Monique Felder, Connie Finney, Karen Ganjon, Valerie Gross, Michele Hampton, Patie Kneisly-White (for Dr. Maureen Mc Mahon), Lara Kopf, Ted Luck, Mary Murray, Dr. Jeanne Paynter, Van Reiner, Chrisandra Richardson, Katherine Rigler, Mike Shealey, Charlotte Stokes, Janet Veditz, Dr. Gerry Wojnar, Penny Zimring, and Helaine Zinaman.

#### **Call to Order**

Chair Phyllis Bailey called the meeting to order at 9:25 p.m. The October 11, 2008 minutes were reviewed and approved as written.

#### **Presentation: *Developing a Gifted and Talented Education Parent Support Group***

Karen Ganjon, Chair of the Programs and Services Subcommittee, introduced today's presentation by Carroll County Gifted and Talented Resource Teacher Betty Bloomfield and school counselor Vonnie Fiore. Ms. Bloomfield explained that her project to develop a gifted and talented parent support group, a product of coursework in the Johns Hopkins Gifted Education Certificate program, stemmed from a need to understand the social-emotional needs of gifted students. The parent support group met weekly for five weeks, alternating meeting sites at two Title I elementary schools. The book *A Parent's Guide to Gifted Children* (Webb, J., Gore, J., Amend, E.R. & DeVries, A.) was used as a discussion guide. The partnership of a gifted resource teacher and a school counselor was very effective in dealing with educational and social and emotional issues. Teachers did not attend the parent meetings. Outcomes of the parent support group were that parents had the opportunity to engage in powerful emotional dialogue, found comfort, recognized common issues among their children, learned to advocate in constructive ways, and formed ongoing friendships. The model can be replicated in other settings.

#### **Update: *Celebrating Gifted Education Reception in Annapolis***

Michele Hampton, Chair of the Public Awareness Subcommittee, shared plans for the upcoming Advisory Council reception on Wednesday, February 11, 2009 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Miller Senate Building in Annapolis. Council members were encouraged to submit nominations for awards and student research displays. The deadline for nominations was extended to January 7, 2009. Invitations will be sent to the MSDE Executive team, State Board of Education, local Board of Education presidents, Superintendents, Maryland Higher



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Education Council, Maryland PTA, and members of the Maryland General Assembly. Ms. Hampton asked council members to volunteer for reception subcommittees and circulated a sign-up list.

### **MSDE Update**

Dr. Jeanne Paynter, Specialist for Gifted and Talented Education, presented an update on MSDE initiatives. The October 17, 2009, Maryland State Conference on Gifted and Talented Education drew over 400 educators from across the state. Two local school system gifted and talented education briefings were held in October and December. In November, twenty-one teachers completed the MSDE online course *Smart Kids with Learning Difficulties*. The *Early Talent Development* online course begins in January. The National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) is sponsoring on January 24, 2009 in Columbia, Maryland the regional academy, *Best Practices in Gifted Education: The Home School Partnership*.

### **Update: Certification for Specialist in Gifted and Talented Education**

Katherine Rigler, Chair of the Professional Development Subcommittee, shared the progress of the proposed *COMAR 13A.12.03.12 Gifted and Talented Specialist*. On October 28, 2008, the State Board of Education voted to publish the regulation in the *Maryland Register* for a 30 day public comment period tentatively scheduled for December 19, 2008 – January 20, 2009. Ms. Rigler provided the Council with a memo soliciting public comments with an accompanying FAQ handout to clarify the regulation and its requirements. The tentative timeline following the comment period is as follows: (1) Approval by the MSBE on January 27, 2009, and (2) adoption by the PSTEB on February 5, 2009.



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**Assignment of Tasks for Subcommittees**

Chair Phyllis Bailey shared the updated roster of Advisory Council Subcommittees, their goals, and activities. The 2008-2009 Subcommittees are as follows:

<b>STEM Integration</b>	<b>Program and Services</b>	<b>Professional Development</b>	<b>Public Awareness</b>
Connie Finney (Chair)	Karen Ganjon (Chair)	Katherine Rigler (Chair)	Michele Hampton (Chair)
Van Reiner	Monique Felder	Penny Zimring	Shirley Moran
Janet Veditz	Phyllis Ettinger	Linda Emerick	Bertha Knight
Mike Shealey	Susan Davis	Chris Richardson	Karen Bond
Maureen Mc Mahon	Valerie Gross	Mary Murray	Helaine Zinaman
Marquita Friday	Ted Luck	Kim Bobola	Jeanne Paynter
Gerry Wojnar	Gillian Simone	Linda Boteach	Laura Carriere
Lara Morrell Kopf	Phyllis Bailey	Dorsey Hammond	Rose Blucher
Paul Tanenbaum	Charlotte Stokes	Kathleen Cecil	

<b>STEM Integration Goal:</b>	<b>Program and Services Goal:</b>	<b>PD Goal:</b>	<b>Public Awareness Goal:</b>
Support the integration and articulation of programs and services for advanced/gifted and talented students in Maryland STEM initiatives.	Gain a real-world understanding of how LSS are implementing a continuum of services for gifted and talented students, K – 12.	Support the capacity of LSS to deliver high quality standards-based professional development in gifted and talented education.	Increase public awareness of the role and purpose of gifted and talented education in order to support effective advocacy for appropriate services.

**Subcommittee Workgroups**

The Subcommittees adjourned to their workgroups. Each chair was asked provided a written progress report at the end of the meeting. Progress on committee activities will be shared at the next meeting.

**The Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.**