

Suffolk Public Schools
Gifted Advisory Board Minutes
Monday, November 18, 2024
The College & Career Academy at Pruden
6:00 PM-7:30 PM

Call to order: 6:05 Katie Seibel

Board Members In Attendance:

Christina Havlin, Kristan Pettiford, Ryan Karle, Sylvia Bond, Katie Seibel, Jennifer Cauthen, Cassidy Lewis, Darlene Symborski, Duanne Hoffler-Foster.

Board Members Absent: Ashley Kelley Twine, Bonnie Bradshaw, Elizabeth Joyner, Jessica Coltz, Juliette Thompson, Kathleen Coyne, Kayla Pennington, Krista Gilmore, Nicole Barnes, Phan Everly, Rachel Lugo.

Acceptance of the Minutes:

- Accept March 2024 Minutes - Moved by Ryan Karle; seconded Christina Havlin

Discussion of Topics Since May, 2024 (Dr. Keisha Melvin):

- Dr. Melvin gave attendees an overview of testing, school resources.
- Gifted Summer Academy occurred 2024. QUEST school students experienced coding, field trips, and learning with local organizations regarding water quality, The Suffolk Historical Society, and Riddicks Folly.
- Camp Launch 2024 - 21 SPS Students attended.
- Summer Residential Governor's School and Academic Summer Programs.
- Quest Updates
 - 3-5th grades: Grant VA A+S, Wind Tunnel activities.
 - 6-8th grades: Build Activities, Latin America topics.

New Business:

- HS Specialty Programs Applications due Dec. 11, 2024.
- Gov. Res. Summer Program Applications due Jan. 17, 2025.
- Local reciprocity between schools - Identify Gifted students sooner.
- Dr. Melvin presented a SWOT Analysis activity and information on High Achievers, Gifted Learners, and Creative Thinkers.

Action Items:

January: discuss Local Gifted Plan. Look to update language and items as needed.

Meeting adjourned by Katie Seibel at 7:35.