

The Commonwealth Governor's School

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January 19, 2023

In Attendance:

- Superintendents - Dr. Sarah Calveric (CCPS by Zoom), Dr. Jessie Boyd (KGCS), Mr. Mark Taylor (Spotsy CPS), Dr. Thomas Taylor (Stafford CPS)
- Board Members - Mr. John Copeland (CCPS), Ms. Kathy Hoover (KGCS alt.), Mr. Matthew Roles (KGCS), Dr. Lorita Daniels (Spotsy CPS alt.), Ms. April Gillespie (Spotsy CPS), Dr. Sarah Chase (Stafford CPS), Ms. Maureen Siegmund (Stafford CPS alt.)
- Central Office Staff - Mrs. Kristine Hill, Mr. Keith Wolfe, Dr. Stephenie Felinger
- Regional Office Staff - Mrs. Jennifer Grigsby, Mrs. Maggie Morganti, Mrs. Heidi Robison
- Public - Michael Hart (PTO president & parent), Jim Degrandis (KGHS math teacher)

Call to order: (4:02pm)

Roll Call:

- A. Caroline County
 - a. Primary Representative – Mr. John Copeland - in attendance
 - b. Alternate Representative – Dr. JoWanda Rollins-Fells - not in attendance
 - c. Superintendent - Dr. Sarah Calveric (by Zoom) - in attendance
- B. King George County
 - a. Primary Representative – Mr. Matthew Roles - in attendance
 - b. Alternate Representative – Ms. Kathy Hoover - in attendance
 - c. Superintendent – Dr. Jesse Boyd - in attendance
- C. Spotsylvania County
 - a. Primary Representative – Ms. April Gillespie - in attendance
 - b. Alternate Representative – Dr. Lorita Daniels - in attendance
 - c. Superintendent – Mr. Mark Taylor - in attendance
- D. Stafford County
 - a. Primary Representative – Dr. Sarah Chase - in attendance
 - b. Alternate Representative – Ms. Maureen Siegmund - in attendance
 - c. Superintendent - Dr. Thomas Taylor - in attendance

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval of January 19, 2023 Agenda:

Dr. Chase made a motion to amend the agenda in order to appoint Mr. Copeland to be Chairman Pro-Temp through the end of the meeting. Mr. Roles seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Citizen Comments:

Mr. Michael Hart - Parent of Caroline HS student who attends the CGS King George Site. Expressed gratitude for the program and his daughter's success story. She will graduate with an associates degree immediately prior to graduating from high school.

Board Members' Comments:

Mr. Copeland thanked the past year's board for letting him serve as chairman.

Superintendents' Comments:

Mr. Mark Taylor introduced himself.

CGSP Program Counselor Report:

- Individual counseling meetings - academic, emotional, social/peers, post-secondary
 - Stafford Sites - 52.3%
 - Spotsylvania Sites - 26.2%
 - King George Site - 21.5%
- Small group counseling @ KG Site with Caroline 9th graders
- Program exits at end of 1st semester
 - 10 total students exited during 1st semester
 - 3 North Stafford Site; 4 Spotsylvania Site; 2 Riverbend Site; 1 Stafford Site
 - 1 re-enrollment at Stafford Site after moving back (10th grade)
- Upcoming
 - Academic probation meetings
 - Collaboration w/ Colonial Forge senior on post-secondary options presentation for CGS 10th graders
- Professional development
 - October 19 - Presenting at the Virginia School Counselors Association annual conference. Title: Collaboration with a Purpose. Co-presenters: SCPS Supervisor of Elementary Counseling, SCPS middle school counselor, SCPS Career Development Counselor.
 - Educators Wellness Series - monthly through 2nd semester
 - January 24 -Anxiety & Stress in Teens and Young Adults with Disabilities webinar (Fredericksburg Area Council on Transition).
 - March 2 & 3 - Northern Virginia Council of Gifted and Talented Education Annual Retreat and Conference - attendee and presenter
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CGS Regional Director Report:

CGS Events – Past & Upcoming

- CGS SnowBall Semi-Formal Dance - Fredericksburg Eagles Lodge Saturday, February 18, 7:00pm-11:00pm
- CGS Senior Recognition Ceremony - Fredericksburg Expo Center, Sunday, May 14, 2:00pm – 6:00pm

Field Experiences

- Completed
 - Colonial Williamsburg Comparison Experience – Grade 11 – 8/26
 - Water Quality & Canoeing Ecology Experience – Grade 9 – 9/16-9/23 – one date per site
 - Chincoteague Field Research Station Experience – Grade 10
 - 9/19-9/20 – King George, Stafford, and Spotsylvania Sites
 - 9/21-9/22 – Riverbend, Colonial Forge, and North Stafford Sites
 - Theatre Experience – Cat on a Hot Tin Roof – Grade 12 – 9/22
 - Honors Algebra II Problem-Solving Workshop – Grade 9 – 9/28
 - National Archives Field Experience – Grade 10 – 9/29
 - X-STEM USA Science & Engineering Festival – Grades 11 & 12 – 10/26
 - Air & Space Museum with Mathematics Connections – Grade 11 – 11/2
 - Orienteering Experience – Grade 12 – 11/2
 - Mock Congress – Grade 10 – 11/29

- Pamplin Park Experience – Grade 11 – 11/30
- Business & Mathematics Community Tour – Grade 12 – Individually by
- Site throughout November, December, and January
- Theatre Experience - A Christmas Carol – Grade 9 – 12/7
- Dr. Atalay Guest Speaker – Grade 10 – 12/14
- Upcoming
 - Theatre Experience – The Tempest – Grades 10 & 11 – 1/25
 - Film Production Experience – Grade 11 – 2/8
 - Tour & Laboratory Investigation at NSWC Dahlgren – Grade 12 – 3/1
 - National Gallery of Art – Grade 9 – 3/1
 - Poetry Workshop – Grade 12 – 3/6
 - Pi Day Celebration – Grade 12 – 3/10 or 3/20

Site & Instructional Update

- Observations and post-observation conferences began in late November and the first round will conclude by the beginning of February.
 - As of January 12, the social studies and English departments across all sites have been observed or scheduled.
 - Science will be scheduled third, and we will finish observations with mathematics.
- Instructional Highlight
 - AP Human Geography – Colonial Forge Site – Instructor: Ms. Morgan LaRowe

CGS Application Process

- Applications have closed in the following counties and listed are the number of available seats and the number of applicants:
 - Caroline County – 5 seats available – 10 applicants
 - King George County – 20 seats available – 34 applicants
 - Stafford County – 90 seats available – 250-300 applicants
- Applications will close in Spotsylvania County on January 13.
 - Spotsylvania County – 60 seats available – 118 applicants (as of 1/12)
- Students will receive notification of their application decision on the following timeline:
 - Stafford County – week of January 20, 2023
 - Spotsylvania County – week of February 21, 2023
 - King George County – week of February 27, 2023
 - Caroline County – end of March 2023

AYGS State-Wide Stakeholder Survey

- The CGS Director participated in the AYGS state-wide stakeholder survey as a Regional Director on December 16. This survey was solicited by Governor Youngkin as a means of expanding AYGS opportunities for students.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Mrs. Gillespie made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Dr. Chase seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

- A. Approval of Minutes
- B. Works Session Minutes
- C. Monthly Financial Report

Informational Items:

- A. CGS 2022-2023 Proposed Budget (First Reading)

B. CGS Work Session Requests

- a. By-law/procedure draft addressing parameters for approval of Regional Director teaching during times of critical shortage
- b. Meeting packet distribution
- c. CGS Governing Board Retreat - Discuss the possible goals of retreat
 - i. Provide an opportunity for Governing Board to get more familiar with the Bylaws and funding
 - ii. Executive goal setting
- d. Finance Committee
- e. Fiscal Agent Application - discussion
 - i. Mrs. Siegmund - brought up that Spotsy CPS wanted to make the fiscal agent change in the past, has their situation changed?
 - ii. Mrs. Gillespie - has not received any info asking for the fiscal agent change from the SBO. She wants to know what are the areas of concern so they can address it.
 - iii. Mr. Mark Taylor - His office is not aware of any action of wanting to leave as fiscal agent.

Closed Session - Dr. Chase made motion to go into closed session, Mr. Roles second the motion, motion carries 3-1 (dissented: Gillespie)

- A. Motion to move into closed session pursuant to Code of Virginia, Section 2.2-3711.A.1, for discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; or for discussion of assignments, appointments, promotions, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignations of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body

Closed Session Certification / Open Session Reconvened

- A. A. Motion to end and certify closed session & reconvene open session.

I certify to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter and (ii) only such business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting today.

- All members certified: Mrs. Gillespie - yes, Mr. Roles - yes, Dr. Chase - yes, Mr. Copeland - yes

Action Items:

- A. Assignments, Appointments, Promotions, Demotions, and Resignations as discussed in Closed Session
 - a. Dr. Chase made a motion to approve the personnel packet as presented in closed session, Mr. Roles seconded the motion, and the motion carried 4-0.
- B. Mathematics Curriculum Change
 - a. Dr. Chase made a motion to change the mathematics curriculum as presented from Honors Math Analysis to AP Precalculus. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, and the motion carried 4-0.
- C. CGS Governing Board Election for 2023
 - a. Chairperson & Executive Superintendent
 - i. Mr. John Copeland made a motion to nominate Dr. Sarah Chase as the chairperson. Mr. Roles seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
 - ii. Thus, Dr. Thomas Taylor is the executive superintendent as he is the superintendent of the board chairperson's division.
 - b. Vice-Chairperson
 - i. Mr. John Copeland made a motion to nominate Mr. Matthew Roles as the vice-chairperson. Mrs. April Gillespie seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

c. Clerk of the Board

- i. Dr. Sarah Chase made a motion to nominate Mrs. Heidi Robison as the clerk of the board. Mr. John Copeland seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

D. Approval of Fiscal Agent

- a. Mr. Copeland made a motion to allow Spotsy CPS to continue to be fiscal agent, and Mr. Roles seconded the motion.

- i. Discussion

1. Mr. Matthew Roles - Agrees with the decision of Spotsylvania staying the fiscal agent until a clear plan can be developed if a change is going to occur.
2. April Gillespie - More detailed plans and thought need to occur before a change occurs. Spotsylvania County has been the fiscal agent for the past 25 years. If there are specific concerns or issues, those should be brought forward and addressed directly in order to be rectified. If there are concerns, those concerns would occur regardless of which division was the acting fiscal agent.
3. Dr. Sarah Chase - The reason behind the request for change was because, in the past, Spotsylvania County wanted to give up the fiscal agency and it was a burden. Typically, the fiscal agent is the majority stakeholder for the program, and Stafford County is the majority with the most students and sites. The composite index for Stafford County is higher and would equate to more funding for the CGS program if they were the fiscal agent. Stafford County's superintendent has prior experience working with multiple AYGS programs, and Spotsylvania County's superintendent does not yet. It is concerning that the primary member of the Governing Board from Spotsylvania County has not attended all meetings, and attendance is a necessary part of showing that this program and board matter to your division. Lastly, there have been concerns shared in closed session regarding oversight by the fiscal agent that need to be addressed. Six months should be an adequate amount of time to make the change.
4. Mrs. Maureen Siegmund - Moving the regional office and fiscal agency to Stafford County would physically centralize the regional office amongst the six sites.
5. Mr. Matthew Roles - Asked for clarification regarding the funding and composite index question.
 - a. Dr. Sarah Chase - Stafford County receives more funding per student due to their composite index, so the program would receive more.
 - b. Mrs. Jennifer Grigsby - The fiscal agent's composite index is not used to determine funding. It is an average of the participating divisions' composite indexes, so a change in fiscal agent would not change the funding formula.
6. Dr. Lorita Daniels - In the past, no issues or concerns have been brought forward. Since concerns have been raised, Spotsylvania County will work to improve and address those concerns. Mrs. Grigsby is doing an excellent job.
7. Mrs. Maureen Siegmund - Dr. Chase started the discussion with a historical perspective that Spotsylvania County no longer wanted to be the fiscal agent. Is that still the case?
8. Mrs. April Gillespie - There has been no discussion from any board members (including those who have been on the board for 12 years) indicating that Spotsylvania County no longer wants to be the fiscal agent. I am thankful for the program and how the counties can work together to address any concerns and grow.

9. Mr. Mark Taylor - There has been no discussion or action by the school board wanting to relinquish the duties of CGS fiscal agent.
 10. Dr. Sarah Chase - In previous years, former superintendent Dr. Scott Baker indicated that they would be happy to let go of the fiscal agency since it was burdensome and pretty thankless.
 11. Mr. John Copeland - Spotsylvania County has had much change, and it appears that they would like to continue as the fiscal agent.
- b. With the vote, the motion carried 3-1 with Dr. Sarah Chase as the dissenting vote.

Adjournment: (5:44pm)

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 23, 2023
 Caroline High School – Library
 19155 Rogers Clark Blvd, Milford, VA 22514