Gifted Education Advisory Committee Minutes
May 12, 2026, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
KLC Room 1101

Attendees

Role	Name	
Facilitators	Heather Ramsey, Chairperson and Brenda Bailey, Supervisor	
Invited	Gifted Advisory Committee Members	
Attendees	**At Large:** Joseph Longobardo: Present **Brentsville:** Merianne Jensen: Absent **Coles: Vacant** **Gainesville:** Rebecca Chavez: Absent Alene Devereaux: Present Lisa Fox: Absent **Neabsco:** Adria Cooper: Present **Occoquan:** Vicki Kieu: Present Mary King: Present **Potomac:** Stacy Davis: Present Heather Ramsey: Present **Woodbridge: Vacant**	**Gifted Resource Consultants:** Kerry Adkins: Present Dan Bredbenner: Present Bridget Pine: Present **Admin Consultants:** Andrew Buchheit: Absent Melissa Edmonds: Present Jackie Overton: Absent

Meeting Outcomes:

- *Members will provide feedback regarding Advanced Academics*
- *Members will be informed of results of Marsteller 8th grade pilot*

Agenda

Topic	Time	Meeting Outcomes	Minutes
Call to Order	7:07 p.m.	Meeting called to order	Mrs. Ramsey called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.
Minutes	7:09 p.m.	Approval of March 2026 minutes	Corrections: One – Ms. Pine noted that she was erroneously listed as absent. Motion for Approval Made By: Mr. Longobardo Motion Seconded By: Ms. Devereaux <u>Approval Votes</u> At Large: Yes *Coles: Vacant* Brentsville: Absent

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Citizen Comment	7:10 p.m.	Opportunity for citizen comments	No citizens appeared to offer public comment.
Supervisor Time	7:10 p.m.	Ms. Bailey provides relevant program updates	Ms. Bailey recapped the Parent University held on May 9. Over 200 parents attended along with approximately 50 students. Three school board members were also in attendance. Ms. Edmonds noted that high school students helped ensure the event was a success by providing free childcare.
Delivery of Services: Grade 8	7:30 p.m.	8th Grade Marsteller pilot updates	Ms. Adkins described the innovative pilot program to address problems with gifted 8th grade students attending gifted classes. Marstellar utilized a cooperative approach with PE teachers and shuffled the schedule to enable higher participation. Students went directly to gifted class, rather than having to initially check in with their PE teachers which had resulted in students coming to gifted class late, or skipping it altogether. The program resulted in a significant increase in students choosing to attend gifted classes: 68% of gifted students attended classes during the prior year; through this pilot program, student attendance increased to 98% overall. Feedback from students was overwhelmingly positive. Ms. Adkins recommended that the division implement similar programs for other middle schools. Ms. Bailey noted that Gainesville Middle School also tested a pilot program to address similar issues, which was equally successful.
Adjourn	8:18 p.m.	Meeting is adjourned	Ms. Ramsey adjourned the meeting at 8:18pm.