

Gifted and Talented Citizens Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2026

Attendance:

Martha Barwick, Molly Joyner, Alise Josiski, Donna Kosnic, Laura Starkey Bayne, Pillar Klemans, Samuel MacNichol, Ivy Lillian Ojiegbo, Laura Potter, Yvonne Waters, Paige Workman

I. Member Introduction

- a. Ice Breaker and introductions

II. Math Policy Updates

- a. MSDE Math Policy Acceleration and Articulation: Laura Potter shared updates regarding specifically the acceleration component of the updated Math Policy from MSDE and the updated math pathways for incoming grade six students. Information can be found on the HCPS Math page on HCPS.org.

III. Parent Night

- a. Keynote Speaker will be Anthony Vargas from Advanced Academics and Gifted and talented Programs Office. The event will take place at Towson University in Northeastern MD on April 14th from 5-6:30pm and will include various vendors from Harford County that offer camps/programs in the areas of STEM, community clubs, summer camps, etc.

IV. Primary Talent Development

- a. A work group is currently working on identifying PTD lessons for grade 1 using current math/science curriculum and the REPI Behavior Scale.
- b. A work group has been formed to begin identifying the framework and implementation strategies for student portfolios designed to document advanced learning behaviors.

V. GT Problem of Practice & Service Model

- a. To support our GT Problem of Practice, peer learning groups have been established in which teachers observe one another's lessons

and provide targeted feedback aligned to the Problem of Practice and each teacher's identified areas of focus.

VI. Review Next Meeting

a. Next meeting will be GT Parent Night in April 2026