

BVPAGE Meeting Minutes  
December 6, 2013

Board Members: Lisa Nickel, Tracy Elford, Lisa Johnston, Patty Logan,  
Cathryn Linney, Karen Jordan, Christy Kelley, Ann Ryan  
District Guests: Kristin Asquith, Mark Schmidt  
18 Parent Attendees

1. Lisa Nickel welcomed the group and all did brief review of the Jim Webb session that was held previously. Many attending the meeting also attended one or both of the Webb sessions.

2. Parent Cheryl Dudley is a Duke TIP ambassador and spoke about the Duke TIP program. See the attached handout from Cheryl that contained an overview of her speaking points.

- Cheryl started her discussion by saying that each parent needs to decide if the program is right for their child, it is a good fit for some but not for others.
- Cheryl also reviewed what type of Duke TIP programs are available for what age ranges.
- In addition, Cheryl referred parents to the Duke TIP website <http://tip.duke.edu> for additional information.

3. Tracy Elford reviewed 3 pieces of information from the Curriculum and Instruction Advisory Board that may affect gifted education and gifted students:

- Tracy first emphasized that these proposed changes are dependent upon the school board approving them at the next monthly meeting
- High School Course Catalog updates will remove all area studies social studies classes and replace them with AP Human Geography and World Geography courses
- CAPS will add 2 new tracks to their class designs: Veterinary Medicine and Global Food Distribution
- Massive Online Open Courses may be taken with approval and prior authorization for elective course credits

Tracy was asked a question regarding the updating or changing of the school year calendar. She said there has been more research and discussion but no decision has been made. Mark Schmidt is part of the calendar committee and agreed that no decision has been made.

4. The next BVPAGE meeting will be held Friday January 10th.