

September 23, 2024  
AATDAC Meeting Minutes  
7 - 8 pm  
Zoom

**Attendees:**

**Co-Chairs:** John Schaus, Mary Wierzbicki

**Members:**

Elizabeth Corry  
Greg Eastman  
Natalie Goldring  
Amanda Miesionczek  
Maren Pearson

**Members of the public:**

Yun Hsieh

**Staff Liaisons:**

Cheryl McCollough, Director AATD  
David Horak, APS Supervisor AATD

**Agenda:**

- I. Welcome and Introductions (Mary, John 15 mins)
- II. Overview of progress last year (John, 5 mins)
  - A. Last year's recommendations:
    1. The Office of Advanced Academics and Talent Development should be led by a Director, rather than a Supervisor: **Status: Implemented**
    2. APS's Clustering Policy (SB Policy I-8.1: 10 or more students identified as gifted per cluster) should be consistently followed. Status: in progress
- III. Overview of the ACTL process, dates for presenting recommendations (Mary, 5 mins)
- IV. Update from APS staff (Cheryl/David; 15 minutes)
  - Academics office continues to develop curriculum so classroom teachers have what they need to extend, scaffold, and engage children in content
  - AATD staff support student applications to Summer governors residential school programs, have created Canvas course for parents and students
  - APS staff participating in Inquiry Institute in partnership with Alexandria - 15 APS social studies teachers learning about Document Based Questions
  - Additional resources for students and families: <https://www.apsva.us/gifted-services/resources/>
  - Discuss potential focus-issues and recommendations for this year: (30 mins)

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm