

Minutes from GEAC meeting 12/05/2007

Dr. Cindy Lundvall

Check with the district website for up to date information about the Quest program. Einstein needs to move two classrooms by next year. The school enrollment is growing and the Quest program needs to be completely gone by two years from now.

Opening the new elementary school on the plateau will result in new school boundaries. A Zoomerang survey is being used to collect data. Six scenarios are being evaluated and they are considering four classrooms for fulltime Quest at McAuliffe. Rosa Parks will not have Quest for next year and there have been 1,088 applicants for the elementary Quest program for next year. Read the district news for updates.

Laura Johnston - Treasurers report

There is a new format showing net cash and forecasting ending balance. For our fundraising push it would help to know when we need the money designated in the treasurer's report and to have specific uses for the money to be raised.

Rajendra Paul - Outreach

We need the GEAC outreach plan to look ahead to the forthcoming year. We need to build bridges with other organizations and join other organizations. We are working on the library of gifted books. Our calendar of events needs to include conferences for students, teachers and parents.

For our legislative collaborations we need to watch state level efforts and attend the annual meeting with legislators in Olympia. For this meeting we need to make a list of action topics and decide who should go. We need to join the Coalition (?).

We need seminars for LWSD teachers on how to identify gifted kids. Related to this we have money for teachers going to conferences not being spent. It would help our website to include "hot links" picked from the WAETAG list

Topics from Lisa Gilbert

Brain Sports Roundtable – Lisa is still planning to have RJH kids exhibit this year's FLL robotics challenges (State competition is this Saturday). We need a venue and advertising for Brain Sports. We need to confirm the Destination Imagination and Chess speakers.

GEAC had a funding request from the Redmond High School Robotics Team. Redmond High School (Pete Saxby, Physics teacher) has started a robotics team this year (First Tech Challenge) and has asked if GEAC could provide some financial support (any

amount appreciated). We discussed whether this would be an appropriate use of GEAC funds. The team has at least 23 kids so far signed up on four teams (see attached letter). There are a number of 9th grade kids on the team coming out of the RJH Quest program that are taking the Physics course at the High School this year for their accelerated science curriculum. We could ask Pete Saxby for student volunteers to exhibit the FTC robot at our Brain Sports Forum to complement the First Lego League (FLL) presentation we are planning (ages 9-14 program). We decided that we could allocate a small amount of money for the team.

Topics from Barney Kintzer

We need to make a membership / donation push in January. When we ask for volunteers we need to have specific needs and roles in mind. Paul/Angel/Raj/Mary, what programs or projects or tasks do you need help with to move GEAC forward? Write up a simple description, and let's post it on a "volunteer opportunity" section of our web site. Add a call for help in the next GEAC update.

Angel

Web usage shows 140 visits per month. It may help to have more dynamic information on page 1. Paul will check to see if other teachers have websites.

Mary

Does transportation exist for Alcott Elementary School?
Quest office should work through the teachers
Start grant paperwork process