

GEAC Minutes
February 6, 2008

Notes taken by Lisa Gilbert, Secretary

The Meeting was called to order at 6:48 PM at the LWSD Resource Center by President Barney Kinzer.

Board Members Attending: Barney Kinzer, Paul Meehan, Lisa Gilbert, Mary Wictor, Raj Paul, Angel Averman; Cindy Lundvall, Director of Accelerated Programs; 10 visitors

Approved December and January minutes.

President's Report: no report

Director's Report: Cindy Lundvall

1. Siting Decision

Einstein

- Program will be relocated to Redmond Elementary for next year
- Cindy met with staff and principal of Einstein today
- Redmond El. site met criteria requested by staff: 3 classes and teachers will go together, no portables, siting in grade-level-alike areas in building
- Janice Heid, principal of Redmond Elementary, was former Quest teacher and is excited to have Quest
- Letter to Einstein parents will be going out in this Friday's packet
- Wilder capacity projections are too low since they don't include Redmond Ridge East
- Two portables will be added this year to Redmond Elementary at a cost of \$300K each
- Commitment will be to have Quest at Redmond Elementary for as long as possible

Alcott/Rosa Parks

- Rosa Parks will not house Quest next year
- There will be 4 classes at Alcott and 4 classes at Samantha Smith (instead of McAuliffe as previously planned to accommodate the Vintage neighborhood staying at McAuliffe)
- Students from Rosa Parks will mostly go to Alcott
- Expect a letter in June with assignments
- Parent comment: suggest allowing parents to request wait list for another site, for example some Rosa Parks students may want to attend Einstein

2. Enrollment/Application Process

- Elementary - 1330 applied, 916 tested; two more test dates plus a makeup

- Jr. High 157 applied (not currently in full-time Quest); testing on Feb 11

Treasurer's Report (Laura Johnston):

- January income was \$828.87, including \$568.87 in donations and \$260 from Brainstuffers sales.
- There were no expenses in January
- Ending balance \$7,443.90

Advocacy Committee Report (Raj Paul):

- Drafting a two pronged document resulting from discussions during the January GEAC meeting and followup meetings
 1. Request short term changes in the process to improve communication and transparency
 2. Request review of "Space Available" policy – longer term
- Will present final draft to Board and then to Cindy Lundvall
- Cindy Lundvall clarified that this issue will be addressed by the Superintendent and Cabinet since it is an administrative policy
- Current boundary process for new Plateau elementary has included siting of the Quest program as part of the overall process

Outreach Committee Report (Angel Averman):

- GEAC website is being kept up to date
- Siting news will be available on LWSD website under Accelerated Programs
- Raj's Policy Review request document will be placed on the GEAC website

Enhancement Committee Report (Mary Wictor):

- Grant requests in on January 31; plan to fund in mid-February
- Total requested amount \$6,538; 10 teachers 18 requests
- Request that Board increase the funding from \$6,000 to \$7,000
- Motion was approved
- Requests include microscopes for elementary to be shared between schools
- Parenting class has 15 for child, and 7 for adolescent
- Looking for parent volunteers for grants
- Lael Tarr will speak at the next GEAC meeting from 7:00 to 7:30 on the topic "Could my child have Aspergers?" She received \$500 from GEAC to fund training on this topic
- Information nights for incoming 7th graders at RJH March 5 and at Kamakin March 4

Next Board Meeting will be at the LWSD on March 5.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:48