

GEAC Minutes  
October 3, 2007

Notes taken by Lisa Gilbert, Secretary

The Meeting was called to order at 6:42 PM at LWSD Resource Center by President-elect Paul Meehan

Attendees: Paul Meehan, Lisa Gilbert, Mary Wictor, Joann Hall, Cindy Lundvall, Laura Johnston, Pam McBain (Mead), Gretchen Colonius (Thoreau), Mia Wall (Franklin), Amy Mikkelson (Renaissance, Thoreau), Tracy Jaffe (Rosa Parks), Kavita Jain (Alcott)

Approved June and September minutes.

President's Report (Paul Meehan): Paul attempted to show the two National History Day documentary videos that won first place at the national level last year. The documentaries were prepared by 7/8 grade Quest students at Redmond Jr. High under the direction of recently retired teacher Penny Cheshier. The titles of the documentaries are "The Great Seattle Fire" and "Gallop Gertie." Unfortunately, it was not possible to view the movies due to LWSD internet filtering. Lisa Gilbert described the NHD program at Redmond Jr. High and noted that the 7/8 grade Quest class will again be participating this year under new LA/SS teacher Kim Jensen.

Treasurer's Report (Laura Johnston):

- Current month income was \$1,085, including \$1,060 in donations and \$25 from Brainstuffers sales; \$2,268 company matches are in the works
- Total income for the current year is now \$3,064. Adding the \$2,268 in company matches, this adds up to a total income of \$6,667
- Our fundraising goal for the year is \$12,000

Director's Report (Cindy Lundvall)

- Cindy has visited every elementary and Jr. High Quest class, and some AP classes. She tries to visit during a presentation, and has asked teachers to let her know about opportunities
- Total Quest student enrollment this year –854 students
  - Full time elementary – 435
  - Pull out elementary – 301
  - Jr High – 118
  - 19 on wait list, some movement has occurred
  - AP numbers still changing – will report on this at a future meeting
- November 1 is Elementary Quest Information Night. Advertising on website, parent organizer, news release, principal's newsletters, will begin next week.
  - Parent suggestions:

- Put power point on website
- Change to a larger venue such as Redmond High for future years
- Upcoming changes to elementary Quest sites:
  - Rosa Parks is currently serving as full time overflow site with 3/4 and 5/6 classes, but will have to move to a new site next year due to capacity issues.
  - Capacity issues also will affect the Einstein full time site
  - Currently considering options for new sites
  - Plan is for teachers to stay with kids
  - Plateau Site 52 (new elementary) will open next fall. Cindy is in charge of the boundary committee. During the boundary process, she will try to carve out classrooms for full time Quest. Will have decision by March. New school is built for 450 students. Current enrollment at schools affected: Mead 617, Smith 781, McAuliffe 660. Boundary process uses housing projections through 2015.

Advocacy Committee Report (by Paul Meehan per email from Raj Paul, not present)

- Signed up for memberships
- Started compilation of conferences/ events
- Advocacy outreach document posted on website
- Kavita Jain is compiling library with KCLS, and will get input from Sandy and Mary. Mary asked for “hot picks,” suggestions for recommended books to highlight on the website.

Outreach Committee Report (Paul Meehan per email from Angel Averman, not present):

- Website has been updated except for calendar
- New date for the meet and greet is Tuesday November 6 instead of Wednesday November 7.
- Lily Graham is interested in the website volunteer position
- For now, continue to send website updates to Angel

Enhancement Committee Report (Mary Wictor)

- Motion was approved to fully fund the \$399 request from Neil Manegold (Franklin) for “Knowledge Bowl” software” with the expectation that he will share with other staff members
- Lael Tarr has requested training for Asberger’s syndrome. This training will occur on October 27 and is open to all Quest teachers. Twelve teachers are signed up. Costs are estimated at \$700, including seminar, books, substitute teacher, and supplements. Cindy will pay for the curriculum preparation time. Motion was approved.

Other Topics

- Roundtable Forum with Multiple topics suggested by Joann Hall. Possible topics:
  - New to Quest - transition issues for elementary students.
  - Math enrichment for those seeking more.
  - The less compliant gifted student Balancing extracurricular activities and homework expectations in the secondary years
  - Life in the Gifted Program or after the gifted program from the perspective of high school seniors - one from each of the high schools getting most of the former Quest students - Redmond High, Juanita, and ICS

Will defer forum on transition issues to early next fall to include new incoming parents.

- Decided to go ahead with Brain Sports forum – target date November 13 pending room availability
  - Math Club – Lisa Gilbert
  - Destination Imagination – Mary to ask Doreen Fisher
  - Robotics (First Lego League) – Lisa to ask Radhika Arun
  - Chess Club – Paul to ask Michael Hosford
  - Summer programs/ Talent Searches– will have information available to hand out

Next meeting will be the November 6 Meet and Greet at Angel Averman's house. This meeting will replace the regularly scheduled board meeting on November 7.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.