

GEAC Minutes
May 7, 2008

Notes taken by Lisa Gilbert and Debbie Napolitan, co-secretaries

The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM at LWSD Resource Center by President Barney Kinzer.

Quorum was present.

Introductions – Barney Kinzer, Raj Paul, Paul Meehan, Mary Wictor

Director's Report - Cindy Lundvall

Updates on student enrollment & placement:

Elementary:

- Over 1400 tested for ITBS, up approximately 25% from last year. This is EXPENSIVE. The CoGAT scores are coming back now and they're working on the placements.
- May 1st was the deadline for current students to reserve their place for next year. This year, there were approx. 12 students who were NOT placed during the year and they will be the first students on the waitlist for next year. The waiting list was 77 for the 5 full-time programs, compared to 71 the previous year.
- Big news – Quest is adding one full-time classroom at Alcott, in addition to the planned Thoreau 5/6 classroom. In grades 3 & 4 there is a bubble of students.
- Franklin – 13 students there, currently 4th & 5th graders will be asked to move to Thoreau. They can elect to stay at Franklin, but the district will not provide transportation.
- Quest has increased capacity in the elementary from 11 classrooms to 20 over the last 4 years.
- One parent asked about having current Audubon students feed to Einstein (moving to Red El) site, instead of Franklin. Cindy stated this is not being considered for next year, but the feeder patterns will be looked at.
- Another parent question – the open Quest teacher position advertised on the website – do you know what grade it will be for? Answer – no.

Junior High:

- Redmond Jr has confirmed 35 enrollees; all are move-aheads from full time Quest. Kamiakin has 26 move-aheads and new students (i.e. not in full time Quest in 6th grade. The waitlist is currently at 17, and these students will be offered spots at Kamiakin in rank order.
- The Jr High teacher at Redmond, since they're over 30 students, can opt for aide time OR trade for dollar value of equipment OR be paid extra for any periods that exceed 30 students per period. They're also concerned that that teacher not exceeds a load of 150 students per day maximum.

Guest Speaker - Lael Tarr

Asperger's Presentation

Lael is a full-time Quest teacher at Franklin (grades 1/2) and has been teaching for 15 years. GEAC funded training for her this year to learn about Asperger's Syndrome. Her Power Point will be posted on the GEAC website

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP PORTION OF MEETING

April 2008 minutes were approved.

Election of Officers for Next Year (2008-2009)

- President – Paul Meehan
- President-Elect – Raj Paul
- Treasurer – Carolyn Benson
- VP Advocacy – Jodi Gaertner
- VP Enhancement – Mary Wictor
 - Grants – Gretchen Colonius
- VP Outreach – Angel Averman and Pam McBain
- Secretary – Lisa Gilbert and Debbie Napolitan

Voted to accept slate as presented.

Treasurer's Report – Laura Johnston

- The current balance in the bank account is \$5,434.
- It is predicted there will be approximately \$8,000 in August to meet the beginning of the year expenses.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM.