

GEAC Minutes  
September 10, 2008

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

The Meeting was called to order at 6:42 pm by Paul Meehan, President, at LWSD Resource Center.

Present – Paul Meehan, Mary Wictor, Jodi Gaertner, Lisa Gilbert, Debbie Napolitan, Joanne Hall, Carolyn Bensen, Angel Averman, Pam McBain, Raj Paul, Cindy Lundvall, Sandy Malone-Long, Janette Cimburek. 4 other parents were in attendance.

**Director's Report** – by Cindy Lundvall

- Introduced Janette Cimburek, new Quest secretary, 14 years with LWSD, involved with Academic Games
- Approximately 900 Quest students this year, 118 new students
- Wait list currently only 37, lowest in past few years
- Meet and Greets were attended at all FT Quest schools except Thoreau
- Staff changes
  - Lindsey Blodgett – Thoreau 5/6
  - Lindsey Ward – PO at Sandburg
  - Kirsten Dunseth-Orth  $\frac{3}{4}$  at Smith (student teacher at Rosa Parks last year)
  - Ryan Prosser 7/8 LA/SS replaces Karen Todd
  - John Frank on medical leave at Franklin, have hired an experienced teacher
  - Peter Conrick – 9<sup>th</sup> SS at Kamiakin
- May look for students to fill classes at Thoreau; will use some type of assessment process (have history of success with this at Kamiakin)
- Cindy will set up AP Night in early January with GEAC providing support; will include students and High School counselor

**Treasurer's Report** –

- Requested that each VP provide projected costs

**Enhancement – Mary Wictor**

- We currently have \$2,800 for grants

**Advocacy – Angel Averman and Pam McBain**

- Should we consider using Paypal electronic form on website for donations?
- Pam is updating website content
- Need dates for seminars and speakers to allow lead time to get into local papers

**Advocacy – Jodi Gaertner**

- Joined WAETAG, WA Coalition for Gifted Education

Priorities:

1. State matching gifted funding increase from 2 to 3%
  2. State math and science standards – how will they look for gifted?
- February 6 is Gifted Education Day in Olympia for parents and students to talk to legislators and advocate
  - WAETAG October conference \$300 – sponsor teacher(s)

**Topic – Curriculum Night**

- Need GEAC volunteers to attend each Quest class presentation, circulate signup sheet with name, phone number and email contact
- Sell Brainstuffers

**Topic – Twice-Exceptional class**

- Sandy Malone-Long has run this type of seminar series before
- Jodi will be in contact with Sandy

Mary Wictor and Barney Kinzer, past GEAC presidents, were presented with framed certificates of appreciation by Cindy Lundvall and Paul Meehan

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.