

GEAC Minutes
December 2, 2009

Notes taken by Lisa Gilbert, Secretary

The Meeting was called to order at 6:39 pm by Debbie Napolitan, President, at LWSD Resource Center.

Present –Gretchen Colonius, Jodi Gaertner, Mary Wictor, Liesl Bohan, Amy Mikkelson, Joanne Hall, Debbie Napolitan, Lisa Gilbert, Dan Phelan. Four others were in attendance.

Director's Report – presented by Dan Phelan

- Elementary Quest Info night was attended by over 900 people during two very full sessions
- Considering future orientation by video on website
- Over 1500 elementary Quest applications were received by Dec 2; this exceeds the number from last year
- Jr. High Quest Info night is Dec 9 at Redmond Jr. High. Applications will open in January
- Meeting with 6th grade Quest teachers regarding possibly teaching algebra
- Hearing concerns regarding variance of quality, especially in new programs
- Jr. High teachers will be talking to elementary teachers about what skills they should have
- Thanks to Janette and Sandy for all their hard work
- Parking lot problems are occurring at Rush Elementary

Enhancement - Gretchen Colonius/Mary Wictor

- Grant funding - shooting for \$8K to \$9K
- Letters will go out to teachers and principals before Christmas and requests are due back on the 3rd Thursday in January
- Investigating different ways of purchasing this year, we may buy items for the teachers and deliver to them
- General sources of grants: GEAC, Lake Washington Schools Foundation, PTSAs; others include Fred Meyer, Gates Foundation, East King County (literacy based)
- Should grant letters be delivered by school reps? Gretchen will need a list of school reps
- Possible charts for promotional materials were discussed. Pie chart and bar chart showing grant history were selected; suggestion to show amount of matches

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Fundraising – Liesel Bohan

- Recommending quarterly information updates and request for donations (September, December, March)
- Include graphs showing pie chart – where money goes
- 139 out of 979 have joined
- Goal is 100 percent membership
- Ask teachers to provide a fundraising goal at next quarterly meeting in January; also ask them to tell one item they have purchased
- Recontact previous members for renewals
- Possible gift for joining – information sheet listing gifted websites?

Parent Education– Joanne Hall

- Idea for possible program in early January: former Quest students – what they wished they knew, would do differently, benefited from; possible round table format
- AP night will be put on by the District (Sandy and Janette)
- Request for a speaker on the topic of twice exceptional (combined special education and gifted) –Dr. Fernette Eide is one possibility
- Gifted Education Day is February 5 in Olympia; gifted education was included in Basic Education last year but advocacy is still needed since it was not funded

Adjourn: 7:56