

GEAC Minutes
December 3, 2008

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

The Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by Paul Meehan, President, at LWSD Resource Center.

Present – Paul Meehan, Mary Wictor, Gretchen Colonius, Jodi Gaertner, Pam McBain, Carolyn Benson, Lisa Gilbert, Debbie Napolitan, Dr. Cindy Lundvall, and Sandy Malone-Long. Nineteen others were in attendance.

Director's Report – by Dr. Cindy Lundvall

- The elementary program applications for 2009/2010 ended today with 1587 applications received, up from around 1192 last year. The Quest office will now screen the applications and testing will begin in January.
- The State of Washington governor's budget has 71 line items, with everything on the table. As gifted funding is one of those line items, concerned citizens should communicate their support to their legislative representatives (see GEAC website for links) and the Governor's office. LWSD will not know their funding until after the State budget is approved.
- Jr. High Quest. This year there are 93 full-time 6th graders and some additional pre-qualified pull-out 6th graders. Currently there are a total of 60 slots available between the Kamiakin and Redmond Junior High sites. 5th and 6th grade parents should be informing themselves as to their options, including choice schools, their neighborhood junior highs, and the Quest junior high program. LWSD will need to wait until students have made their choice school selections to see how the current students will be accommodated. There will not be a lottery to determine selection for Jr. High Quest. Currently, both Evergreen and Inglewood Junior Highs are full/over-full.
- AP panel will be held January 14th from 7-8:30pm at LWHS. Joanne Hall will publicize; Paul will speak about GEAC. Sandy Malone-Long will give an overview of the program, exam process, and what is available at the four high schools and ICS. The program has been growing around 24% per year, and passing results have stayed fairly consistent. GEAC will fund a stipend to teachers participating and gift cards to students on panel.

Treasurer's Report - Carolyn Benson

- Treasurer's report presented
- Motion to approve \$7000 funding for grant program.

Enrichment Activities

- GEAC is looking into communicating with PTSAs and volunteer enrichment coordinators at Quest schools and other schools throughout

the district to provide activity ideas and information to students looking for more.

Approve prior meeting minutes

- Minutes from last month approved.

The meeting was adjourned to the Board Room at 7:05 PM.

Uniquely Gifted – The Twice Exceptional Child, presented by Sandy Malone-Long

The meeting was re-convened in the Board Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.