

GEAC Minutes
February 3, 2010

Notes taken by Lisa Gilbert, Secretary

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

Present –Gretchen Colonius, Mary Wictor, Liesl Bohan, Amy Mikkelson, Debbie Napolitan, Lisa Gilbert, Pam McBain, Carolyn Bensen, Dan Phelan. Five others were in attendance.

Director's Report – presented by Dan Phelan

Question: Will the District be hosting an AP information night this year?

Answer: No. We don't know enough to target the AP Panel. A survey of parents is needed to find out what they know about our highly capable program. GEAC can help design the survey once a contract is in place for the survey.

Funding:

- Governor's budget cut funding for gifted programs (funds provided currently pay for Pull-Out Quest), but gifted was reinstated in the budget when submitted. Now the House will develop a budget and send it to the governor. We need to be vocal about the importance of gifted programs.
- We expect \$3-10 M to be cut from LWSD budget for next year. There will be a community process, but not much is left to cut. The district office already has 50% less people than 10 years ago.

Applications:

- Jr. High Gifted - 145 families applied; 94 qualified for testing
- Elementary - 975 tested but not scored yet; expect 10 percent to qualify

Enhancement - Gretchen Colonius/Mary Wictor/Amy Mikkelson

- Grant requests totaled \$8,540
- This does not include any funding to purchase 30 additional In Quest of the Universe textbooks that are needed for Jr. High Quest
- Need to summarize and get request approved by Dan, then write the checks

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Fundraising – Liesl Bohan

- Wants to send out a summary of the "cooler" grants stating that requests exceeded the budget

Announcements

- Upcoming John Gottman program on March 3 (Joanne Hall)
- Decided not to host NW Gifted conference
- Foundation lunch – need 8-10 people to attend, will put request in newsletter
- GEAC to join Coalition and NW Gifted (\$100 membership), and additionally donate \$100
- Gifted Education Day is February 5 in Olympia

Adjourn: 8:45