

GEAC Minutes  
March 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 – Debbie Napolitan, Gretchen Colonius, Liesl Bohan, Amy Mikkelson, Lisa Gilbert, Jodi Gaertner, Dan Phelan. Seven others were in attendance.

**Director's Report – presented by Dan Phelan**

Budget Update

- Governor's budget cuts \$7.5 M from LWSD, \$231K from Quest (about the amount of pull-out Quest)
- Senate and House budgets still up for discussion
- This is a good time to tell legislators our priorities
- There will be a community engagement process

Testing Update

- 1538 elementary applications, similar to last year
- 998 tested (350 less due to changed criteria)
- There are wait lists at every grade for full-time
- Jr. High 145 applications, testing about 70 students
- Dan wants to do a survey of all those "touched by Quest" using District's new survey tool

Request

Raise \$7,500 to fund an on-line course to teach kids algebra in 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
Includes a certified teacher

**Fundraising – Liesl Bohan**

- Will send out another newsletter this month highlighting grants
- Currently membership is almost 20 percent
- Ideas: Hosting a "Non-event"; Math N Stuff fundraiser

**Enhancement - Gretchen Colonius/Mary Wictor/Amy Mikkelson**

- Received 40 grant requests, 37 tentatively approved
- Initially \$10,500, now down to \$8,500
- Suggest carrying request for Gifted Ed Day forward to next year
- Motion passed to approve 37 grants with funding up to \$9,000 subject to Dan's approval
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**Parent Education (Debbie for Joanne Hall)**

- Proposed speaker Lisa Geraud "Parenting the Highly Capable Adolescent"
- Target audience 6<sup>th</sup> grade and Jr. High, 60 – 100 people
- Target date Monday in May

- Target location Redmond Jr. High
- Suggested donation of \$5
- Motion passed to fund this speaker at a cost of \$400

**Announcements**

- LWSD Foundation Luncheon is April 28, with Chip Kimball speaking

Adjourn: 8:11