

Minutes GEAC - March 5, 2008

Attending: Jodi Gaertner, Laura Johnston, Paul Meehan, Angel Averman, Lisa Oratz, Pam McBain, Tracy Jaffe

Cyndi Lundvall – Program Report:

Program moves for the Quest program

- All three Einstein classes move to Redmond Elementary

- Two Rosa Parks classes move to Alcott Elementary

- All Sammamish Plateau students will move from Alcott to Smith Elementary

 - except for Blackwell elementary students

 - Smith will have 4 classes and ~100 students

- Alcott will have 4 classes and ~100 students

 - currently has 6 classes

 - 3 or 4 teachers will move to Smith

- Franklin stays the same

- Thoreau will add a 5-6

- One new teacher will be needed for either Alcott or Smith

- Pull out will stay the same

If anyone has problems with the moves they should contact their school, Sandy Malone, or Cyndi Lundvall

New applications for next year's Quest program

- 1487 applicants for K-9

- 1146 passed ITBS (97th percentile)

- 421 passed COGAT

- ~25% (105) are expected to qualify for Quest

On March 11 there was district math training for K-6 teachers

This summer the junior high schools will work on curriculum

Diane is retiring and a replacement is needed. We will hear more about recognizing Diane for all her work as the date gets nearer.

Laura Johnston - Budget:

We have the money to cover Mary's grant request

We will reallocate Outreach money to the grant program

Advocacy:

How does the district handle grading, weighting, and ranking AP courses? What should be reported on transcripts? Students taking advanced courses should not be penalized by being graded on a curve. One possibility would be to not assign grades but instead rank the student in the school. Another possibility would be to assign weights to scores so that having lower grades in more difficult classes would not drastically lower the GPA.

Advocacy should consider these issues and suggest a policy.