

Quest Academy Gifted Advisory Council

QAGAC Minutes

March 10, 2011

6:00 p.m., Media Center

Council Members Present:

Lori Lee	Rob Dill	Wil Stewart	Pam Jones	Matthew Goldrick
Cecilia Bennett	Stacey Holcomb	Mary Beth Linstad	Becky Carr	Meg Fifield
Lisa Yount				

Council Members Absent:

Dana Pearce	Mary Aske	Richard Gregory	Aaron Kincaid	Cathy Dofka
Renee Fischer				

- 1) Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair **Matt Goldrick** at 6:06 PM.
- 2) Approval of February meeting minutes
- 3) **Treasurer's Report: VACANT POSITION** – Lori Lee Presented Report
 - a) **Balance as of 2-10-11:**

GAC Approved Field Trip (Mrs. Rabb's Class)	\$ 33.00	
Webinar Reimbursement to Mrs. Fischer	40.00	
Dr. Patty Presentation 3hrs @ \$650/hr	<u>1,950.00</u>	
Balance as of 3-10-11:		\$4,798.58
Field Trip Fund	\$ 876.00	
Mr. & Mrs. Hall's Donation	2,200.00	
General Fund	1,722.58	
- 4) **Committee Reports:**
 - a) Research and Education: **Renee Fischer**
 - i) Renee Fischer needs \$40 for the next webinar on March 24, 2011
Motion: To approve \$40 expenditure for the 3/24/11 webinar: Lori Lee
Second: Matt Goldrick
PASSED
 - b) Advocacy and Legislation: **Matt Goldrick**
 - i) The education bill has passed in the Senate with a negative effect of additional funding being diverted to testing.
 - ii) There is currently no national funding for Gifted programs but the Talent Act may be introduced to encourage co-sponsors for Gifted programs. Matt encouraged all concerned to contact their legislators for support.
 - c) Fundraising: **VACANT POSITION** - No Report Given
 - d) Parent Volunteer: **Richard Gregory – Absent** No Report Given
 - e) Communication : **Aaron Kinkaid – Absent** No Report Given
 - f) Program Development: **Dana Pearce – Absent** (Lori Lee Presented Report)
 - i) Dr. Patty's seminar was a success with approximately 70 attendees including the Challenger Psychologist and Gifted Staffing Specialist.
 - g) Gifted Task Force Oversight – **Lori Lee**
 - i) Mrs. Warrell gave a presentation to the GTFOC regarding the materials received from Explorer K-8 during the transition to CK8, and also advised what the Media Center offers for Gifted students.
 - ii) Mrs. Lee advised the council that she would report the specifics of Mrs. Warrell's presentation at the April meeting.

- iii) Mr. Malcolm gave a review of the textbook policy. He asked if teachers or parents had problems with students not having taken home books. Mr. Malcolm stated that he was under the impression that the Superintendent had agreed that anyone who requested a take home book would get one, but the policy was actually written that they “may” receive a book. Mr. Malcolm recommended calling School Board members to address the problem.
 - iv) Mr. Malcolm said that all textbooks should have traveled from Explorer K-8, but Mrs. Lee stated that wasn’t the case and that we needed to seek clarification from Mrs. Dofka as to specifics. She also said that she was waiting to hear back from Mrs. Pearce regarding the possibility of obtaining a list of the books originally ordered for Quest.
 - v) Mr. Dill and Mrs. Dofka will be asked for an update on classroom clustering at the April meeting.
 - h) Council Representative Grades 6-8: **Becky Carr**
 - i) Mrs. Lee advised the council that she spoke to Mrs. Dofka who confirmed that students who take Algebra 1 will have to take the end of course exam.
 - ii) Mr. Goldrick asked if that applied for this spring or next.
 - iii) Clarification will be obtained by the April meeting.
 - i) Council Representative Grades 3-5: **Cecelia Bennett** – Nothing to Report
 - j) Council Representative Grades K-2: **VACANT POSITION** No Report Given
- 5) **Unfinished Business:**
- a) Mr. Malcolm introduced Mr. and Mrs. Hall who donated \$2200 to the Quest Program in order to address the lack of proper reading material and media resources. Mrs. Hall requested that all money be spent on Quest. Mrs. Jones advised that she had already written a grant for Quest Nooks at \$139 each with free downloads of classic literature. Mrs. Hall expressed reservations with purchasing Nooks, and preferred their donation be spent on the purchase of appropriate reading material above the 8th grade level. Mrs. Warrell requested that parents and teachers contact her with suggestions for book purchases.
Motion: To have Mrs. Warrell purchase \$2200 worth of books for 8th grade level and above – Wil Stewart.
Second: Lori Lee
PASSED
- 6) **New Business:**
- a) Council Member Update: Lori Lee
 - i) Mary Aske resigned and Richard Gregory has not attended the last three meetings. Mrs. Lee has unsuccessfully attempted to reach Mr. Gregory.
 - ii) Mrs. Lee informed everyone that they can still join GAC by completing the application on the web site.
 - iii) GAC is still in search of a Chair. Mr. Goldrick cannot assume the position because of his Hernando County employment status.
- 7) **Open Agenda:**
- a) Mrs. Sierak has Quest shirts for sale. Adult shirts are \$17, and kid’s sizes \$15.
 - b) Mrs. Linstad has nine students who cannot afford to pay for the Epcot trip and requests council approval to pay the FT cost out of the Field Trip Fund.
Motion: To have GAC pay for the nine children to visit Epcot – Mary Beth Linstad
Second: Stacey Holcomb
PASSED – Pending final decision after Mrs. Linstad speaks with Mrs. Dofka.
 - c) Mr. Malcolm advised that Pat Fagan has retired from the School Board and suggested GAC send him a thank you card as a friend to the Gifted Program. Mr. Goldrick asked Mrs. Lee to follow through with Mr. Malcolm’s suggestion. Mrs. Lee agreed to do so.
- 8) **The next GAC meeting will be April 14, 2011 at 6:00 PM in the Media Center.**
- 9) **Motion to Adjourn:** Stacey Holcomb
Second: Cecilia Bennett
PASSED