

Quest Academy Gifted Advisory Council

QAGAC Minutes

April 14, 2011

6:00 p.m., Media Center

Council Members Present:

Lori Lee Rob Dill Wil Stewart Cathy Dofka Matthew Goldrick
Cindi Sierak Stacey Holcomb Aaron Kincaid Becky Carr Meg Fifield
Renee Fischer

Council Members Absent:

Dana Pearce Cecilia Bennet Richard Gregory Lisa Yount Pam Jones
MaryBeth Linstad

- 1) Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair **Matt Goldrick** at 6:18 PM.
- 2) Approval of March meeting minutes
- 3) Mrs. Warrell reported that she gave the GTFOC a list of the media material transferred from EK8 to CK8 during the transition over the past summer. She also presented the GTFOC a list of books to purchase with the \$2200 donated by Mr. and Mrs. Hall. The current total is \$1666.02. The new books will be marked as donated by Mr. & Mrs. Hall and housed in the Media Center. Mrs. Warrell advised the council to devise a method of ensuring that materials are age appropriate for the children checking them out. The council determined that students will need parental consent to read books beyond their age level. A consent letter will be sent home to parents of all gifted students next school year.

Motion: To approve the \$1666.02 purchase and draft the consent letter: Renee Fischer

Second: Lori Lee

PASSED

- 4) **Treasurer's Report: VACANT POSITION** – Lori Lee Presented Report

a) Balance as of 3-10-11:		\$4,798.58
Webinar Reimbursement to Mrs. Fischer	\$ <u>40.00</u>	
Balance as of 4-14-11:		\$4,758.58
Field Trip Fund	\$ 876.00	
Mr. & Mrs. Hall's Donation	2,200.00	
General Fund	1,682.58	

- 5) **Committee Reports:**

- a) Research and Education: **Renee Fischer**
 - i) Mrs. Fischer presented a slide show from SENG's March webinar. The topic: *"You Can't Make Me Do It", How to Encourage Motivation from the Inside*, presented by Cheryl Franklin-Rohr.
 - ii) Mrs. Fischer advised the webinar would appear on the GAC website. She will also write a letter to be emailed to all QA parents with the names and information for all of the webinars.
 - iii) Renee Fischer needs \$40 for the next webinar on April 26, 2011
Motion: To approve \$40 expenditure for the 4/26/11 webinar: Lori Lee
Second: Aaron Kincaid
PASSED
- b) Advocacy and Legislation: **Matt Goldrick**
 - i) Matt advised that the pending budget cuts will almost certainly affect the gifted program. Matt again encouraged all parents to contact their legislators for support.
- c) Fundraising: **VACANT POSITION** - No Report Given
- d) Parent Volunteer: **Richard Gregory** – **Absent** No Report Given
- e) Program Development: **Dana Pearce** – **Absent** No Report Given

- f) Communication: **Aaron Kincaid**
- i) Aaron advised that GAC needs to renew the website (\$97.04) and domain names (.org - \$14.99, .com - \$11.99) which expire on May 14, 2011.
Motion: To approve \$123.83 expenditure to reimburse Aaron Kincaid for paying to renew the QuestGAC.org and QuestGAC.com domain names, and the GAC website (GoDaddy): Wil Stewart
Second: Lori Lee
PASSED
- g) Gifted Task Force Oversight – **Lori Lee**
- i) Mrs. Lee reported the committee met with Quest’s Guidance Counselor, Kim Stratton, to discuss her duties and experiences this school year. Mrs. Stratton provided documentation to the committee outlining her roles and responsibilities, a log of classroom guidance topics provided each week, and a disciplines log.
 - ii) Mrs. Dofka advised the council that she will be requesting an additional Guidance Counselor next school year.
 - iii) Mrs. Lee also clarified that the gifted program’s Media Center Para-professional actually works with all students which enables Mrs. Warrell to spend more time with the gifted students and their teachers.
- h) Council Representative Grades 6-8: **Becky Carr**
- i) The Algebra 1 end of course exam will be required this year strictly to establish a baseline for the future. Beginning next year, if a student is not satisfied with their score, the test can be retaken. A Q&A will be posted on the GAC website. Students may also “CLEP” high school Algebra.
 - i) Council Representative Grades 3-5: **Cecelia Bennett** – Nothing to Report
 - j) Council Representative Grades K-2: **VACANT POSITION** No Report Given
- 6) **Unfinished Business:**
- a) Mrs. Dofka advised that all books were brought over from EK8, and asked to be informed if any students do not have text books.
 - b) Classrooms will be clustered next year. The portable housing the Middle School math classrooms should be eliminated after the 2011-2012 school year.
- 7) **New Business:**
- a) Council Member Update: **Lori Lee**
 - i) Mrs. Lee advised that the May 12 meeting would be the last of this school year.
 - ii) Mrs. Lee introduced Mr. & Mrs. Laxton who want to join the GAC.
 - iii) Mrs. Teague also expressed interest joining GAC.
Motion: To add both Mr. and Mrs. Laxton and Mrs. Teague to the Council: Lori Lee
Second: Wil Stewart
PASSED
 - iv) The Council voted to remove Richard Gregory from membership
Motion: To rescind Richard Gregory’s GAC membership: Wil Stewart
Second: Aaron Kincaid
PASSED
Motion: To appoint Cindy Laxton as K-2 Representative
Second: Stacey Holcomb
PASSED
 - v) GAC Members will be asked at the May 12 meeting if they intend to participate in the 2011-2012 school year.
- 8) **Open Agenda:**
- a) There are still 120 copies of the yearbook for sale.
 - b) Greg Laxton suggested using Hostgator.com as GAC’s website host next year.
 - c) Greg and Cindy Laxton suggested that GAC explore obtaining a grant from Target in the future.
 - d) GAC only needs to pay for four students at \$65 each to attend the EPCOT field trip instead of the approved nine.
 - e) A Quest student finished fourth in the state Geography Bee.
- 9) **The next GAC meeting will be May 12, 2011 at 6:00 PM in the Media Center.**
- 10) **Motion to Adjourn:** Wil Stewart