

# QUEST ACADEMY GIFTED ADVISORY COUNCIL

QAGAC Minutes

January 11, 2010

6:00 p.m., Media Center

## Council Members Present:

Lori Lee	Jim Malcolm	Tom Barker	Stacy Tarbox	Scott Gooch
Dave Bute	Cindy Gustafson	Pam Jones	Lisa Yount	Scott Rogers
Dana Pearce	Stacey Holcomb	Susan Floyd	Kelly Chapman	

## Council Members Absent:

Renee Fischer	Cecilia Bennett	Dianne Azzarelli
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### 1. Welcome and Review of December Meeting Minutes – **Tom Barker**

- a. Council was welcomed; meeting began at 6:08 p.m.
- b. Motion to approve minutes made by Jim Malcolm, motion was seconded.

### 2. Sub-committee updates

- a. Fundraising –
  - i. Treasurer will be able to report amount raised during candle fundraiser during February meeting
  - ii. Lori Lee reported that fundraiser contact will be able to provide fund raiser again in the Spring.
  - iii. Cathy Dofka reported to the council that the Quest account at SunTrust will be transferred from an internal at EK-8 account to CK-8.
  - iv. Mary Beth Linstad suggested an alternative option for donations, “Guilt-free Donations”, and Lydia Pinkowski discussed “Bake-less Bake Sale” where donations can be made without a purchase.
  - v. Cindy Gustafson discussed looking for community members or businesses to match donations.
  - vi. Tom Barker asked what fundraising money would be used for, Jim Malcolm reminded council that fundraising monies are to be used for items above and beyond what the School Board should pay for.
    1. Fundraising will be on February meeting agenda.

### b. Research & Education – **Tom Barker**

- i. Tom Barker brought in a set of books regarding homework practices. Council members were invited to check out books and possibly participate in a book club to meet before or after GAC meeting.
- c. **By-Laws/Advocacy and Legislation – Dave Bute**
  - i. Dave Bute is requesting input regarding council membership, especially in light of all terms ending at the end of this school year.
    - 1. Tom Barker recommended that the process to fill GAC seats begin in the next couple of months so that replacements will be acclimated to the council.
    - 2. Dana Pearce suggested posting an advertisement in the newspaper to invite parents to attend and apply for seats.
    - 3. Cindy made a motion for the Advocacy and Legislation Sub-Committee to develop recommendations regarding membership changes and bring those recommendations to the March GAC meeting, motion seconded.
- d. **Parent Volunteer – Lori Lee**
  - i. Progress has been limited, additional information will be forthcoming as it becomes available.
- e. **Program Development – Dana Pearce**
  - i. Dana Pearce reported that four teams are attending Odyssey of the Mind, two elementary and two middle. The regional tournament will be held at River Ridge Middle/High School on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010. A spontaneous workshop will be held at Deer Park Elementary in Pasco County on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Parent volunteers are needed for the regional tournament. Business ads are for sale, cost range from \$20 to \$200.
  - ii. The National Scripts Spelling Bee competition will be held the week before Florida Writes.
- f. **Communication – Lori Lee/Lisa Yount**
  - i. Email communication regarding the program or the move to Challenger has been received. These types of communication will be forwarded to Cathy Dofka.
- g. **Gifted Taskforce Oversight – Jim Malcolm**
  - i. Jim Malcolm referred council members to the 2008-2009 Hernando County Gifted Task Force Recommendation for the QUEST Academy for Gifted Education document.
  - ii. The document will serve as a starting point for the program as it is moved to Challenger K-8.
  - iii. Jim Malcolm requested that GAC members familiarize themselves with the document. Jim Malcolm reminded the Council that it is located on the Hernando County School Board website, and Lori Lee said she would post it on the GAC website.

3. Tom Barker presented an activity regarding grading practices.
4. Open Agenda
  - a. Cindy Gustafson asked that the agenda be posted on the website one week prior to the meeting so that parents can view.
  - b. Susan Floyd motioned that GAC approve providing \$141 for five students to attend the MOSI field trip and one to attend Springstead Theater, motion seconded.
  - c. Susan Floyd also brought up adding a notation to field trip forms for parents to be able to send in additional dollars for other students to attend. Council was amenable to that idea.
5. Next QAGAC meeting will be on February 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m., in the media center.
6. Dana Pearce motioned to adjourn, motion seconded, meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

**Additional Attendees (as determined by meeting sign in sheet):**

Beverly Goldner	Lydia Pinkowski	Cathy Dofka	Fran Poland	Sheila Rogers
Cindy Armstrong	Judy Preuss	Mary Beth Lindstad	Joanne Yarin	Tracy Rivera