

# QUEST ACADEMY GIFTED ADVISORY COUNCIL

QAGAC Meeting

November 6, 2008

1. General meeting was called to order.
2. Dana Pearce, Asst. Principal, explained purpose of Gifted Advisory Council and discussed roles of Committee Chairpersons. Committee Chairperson candidates were introduced, and Chairpersons were voted into positions as follows:
  - a. Research & Education Committee Chairperson – **Tom Barker – COUNCIL CHAIR**
  - b. By-Laws/Advocacy and Legislation Committee Chairperson – **Genie Toner**
  - c. Fundraising Committee Chairpersons – **Kelly and Keane Chapman**
  - d. Parent Volunteer Committee Chairperson – **Kelly Brewer**
  - e. Program Development Committee Chairperson – **Dr. Poonam Malhotra**
  - f. Communication Committee Chairperson – **Stacy Tarbox**
  - g. Parent Representatives:
    - i. K-2 – **Renee Fisher**
    - ii. 3-5 – **Lori Lee**
    - iii. 6-8 – **Steve and Cecelia Bennett**
3. Additional Council Members as follows:
  - a. Explorer K-8 Assistant Principal – **Dana Pearce – COUNCIL VICE CHAIR**
  - b. Guidance Counselor for Gifted – **Carmela Sardogan**
  - c. District ESE Supervisor for Gifted Program – **Lydia Pinkowski**
  - d. State Gifted Representative – **Cindy Gustafson**
  - e. Council Consultant, Former Hernando County School Board Member – **Jim Malcolm**
  - f. Secretary – **Lisa Yount**
4. Meeting comprised of official council members continued.
5. Programmatic suggestions made:
  - a. Kelly Brewer will meet with teachers to determine volunteer needs (both in-class and at-home volunteers).
  - b. Tom Barker suggested book talks.
  - c. Lisa Yount suggested contacting Dr. Carolyn Snyder to introduce “global learning centers”.
  - d. Suggestion was made that QAGAC meeting minutes be sent home in student’s backpacks as well as available on-line.
  - e. Council will revisit school’s eligibility for Odyssey of the Mind, and application for National Geographic Spelling Bee.
6. Future meeting dates determined: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month; next meeting date - Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m., Cafeteria
7. Closing statements made by Dana Pearce.
8. Meeting adjourned.