

Quest Academy Gifted Advisory Council

Minutes

May 7, 2009

6:00 pm, Explorer K-8 Media Center

Present: Cindy Gustafson, Lori Lee, David Bute, Ray Pinder, Lori York, Tracy Rivera, Cecilia Bennett, Sheila Rogers, Scott Rogers, Renee Fischer, Kelly Brewer-Balch, Pamela Jones, Kelly Chapman, Scott Gooch, Tom Barker, Genie Toner, Lydia Pinkowski, Cathy Dofka, Jim Malcolm, Dana Pearce, Judy Preuss

1. Mr. Barker called the meeting to order at 6:05.
2. QA FCAT writing results- 4th grade 86% rec'd 3.5 or better, Mrs. Jones had three students that rec'd a perfect score of 6, 8th grade was at 82%. Great job to the students and teachers.
3. Sub-Committee updates
 - a. Fundraising- Kelly Chapman- Bowl-A-Thon-\$ 497, a good time was had by all, \$60-magnet sales, Dance was such a huge success, we would like to plan another for next year perhaps for 5-8, plan the Bowl-A-Thon for before Christmas, Quest Academy gave a donation from the Entertainment books and we gave out 8 scholarships to the NASA trip for a total of \$400. This leaves a balance of \$2668.82.
 - b. Research and Education- Mr. Barker led a discussion of what we may want this to look like for next year. We will bring this up again.
 - c. By-Laws/Advocacy and Legislation-Genie Toner- Tom Barker made a motion to approve the By-Laws, seconded by Kelly Brewer-Balch, all approved.

- d. Parent Volunteers- Kelly Brewer-Balch-no news – some ideas shared were as follows; we need to be involved in some meatier stuff, more programs, speakers, social/community activities are a nice idea, look outside of ourselves/community involvement, mentoring program with SHS, shadow kids for a day, Professional organizations-Mrs. Fischer is going to compile a list, Chamber of Commerce, webinars available for parents, promote Parent Institute- WHMS October 21st.
 - e. Program Development- Dr. Poonam Malhotra- We won the County Brainbow!
 - f. Communication- Stacy Tarbox-absent , would like to see a newsletter once a month
 - g. Gifted Taskforce Oversight- Jim Knight- Promises made, not all kept,
 - h. Council Representatives – Welcome back activities for the beginning of the 09/10 school year were proposed; Kelly Brewer-Balch proposed a Welcome Back event and Lori Lee proposed a Welcome Back letter. The council discussed the pros and cons of a letter versus a more time-intensive event. The council voted, and a basic Welcome Back letter was approved.
4. Next year –GAC-Tom Barker
- a. First meeting date- September 3-6:00 pm Media Center
 - b. Term Limits- 2 year limits
 - c. Returning/Non-returning members- please let us know as soon as possible
5. Next Year – QA- Tom Barker
- a. Any changes in QA teacher allocations- Cathy Dofka shared that we would have as many as we have this year. Mr. Pinder shared that he was working on the rooms
 - b. QA Administrator-not known at this time

- c. Parent Letter-Stacy was working on this
- 6. Lori Lee read a letter of appreciation to all those involved in making Quest Academy a success.
- 7. Open Agenda- NASA trip was a huge success; teachers are planning more field trips for next year.
- 8. Meeting adjourned at 7:50.