

## February 9, 2022, General PAC Meeting

- Wendy welcomes everyone to the meeting and reminds people to submit their attendance.

Unrelated comments and questions can come to [fbisdgtpac@gmail.com](mailto:fbisdgtpac@gmail.com)

- GT Department Update

- GT Identification process is in progress right now. Application windows are also open for GT Senior Mentorship and the GT Academy. All the info on those applications are on the GT webpage.

- TPSP Virtual Showcase will begin April 19

- GT Mentorship Showcase will be on April 26<sup>th</sup> at the Administration Annex. This event will be open to the public. The research the kids do is amazing. One student from last year was able to turn their high school senior year research into a published, peer reviewed article in their freshman year of university.

- GT Family Series is opening for the next challenge on March 1. Submissions will be due March 28.

- Wendy requests that all PAC members understand the identification timeline and process so they can answer questions when asked.

- GT Implementation Team Update

- We didn't meet this month because of the timing after the holiday.
  - Acceleration program is delayed based on funding.
  - Communication is publishing newsletter and chugging along.
  - Elementary Expansion is analyzing potential options.

- Representation is meeting almost weekly. They have been through all the relevant data and are starting to prioritize which pieces to focus on as they start to develop changes and improvements.

- Secondary Service Design is identifying pilot campuses for independent study, and working on recruiting, and curriculum development.

- Student ID and program expansion is gathering the data they need to contemplate changes to the identification process.

- GT PAC Updates

- Symposium

- Information available on the GT webpage

- Scheduled for February 23, 24, and 26<sup>th</sup>.

- They really need more presenters. This is a by parent, for parent event, so we want to make sure parents are showing up to help other parents.

- Monica encourages everyone to really think about what they can add to the conversation. We all have relevant experiences that we could share with other parents.

- The committee is also requesting short videos from parents containing snippets of advice for other GT parents.

- Email Monica or fill out Google form if you want to present

- Short videos can be sent directly to Monica

- Parent Outreach

- We are about to send out the letters to go to each campus. Wendy will be sending instructions to everyone.

- We are also going to start working on the Mini Symposium we are planning for new parents.

- GT Family Resources

- They are still working through the available resources to determine which ones they want to focus on to improve what our website is suggesting to parents.

- GT PAC Member Tasks

- Wendy talks about the Symposium again and encourages everyone to contribute.

- Everyone needs to send out their campus letters once the instructions arrive later this week. They will go to the COGS, and the COGS know they are coming.

- Continue to work on your subcommittee goals.

- Featured Resource of the Month

- Helping your child strengthen their executive function is important for kids.

- Wendy explains the many ways that executive function helps people be successful across the board.

- Links are available to an article from the Davidson Institute and two Ted talks on the topic.

- Article: <https://tinyurl.com/2p832ytc>

- Ted Talks: <https://tinyurl.com/y4a4by9b> and <https://tinyurl.com/2p89awhw>

- Someone asks a question about GT Mentorship and what they look for in Applicants

- Dr. Westphal says that Nancy Bryant has a parent information meeting that goes into great detail about this. She also explains that it is a non-traditional application, and not a checklist. They are looking for the kids to be themselves, and also who will work well with professional mentors. Ms. Bryant really assesses the applications to determine who will do well

in the program. This assessment is blinded, so Ms. Bryant does not know who she is evaluating.

A video of the parent session is available online, and that will contain the best information about the process and program.

- Everyone departs main room for breakout rooms.