

GT PAC Meeting (zoom) Minutes

Tuesday, September 8, 2020, 7 pm

- First closed meeting of the school year. 59 participants at the meeting start.
- There are 26 returning representatives and 64 new representatives (90 total).
- The 2020-2021 GT PAC membership has been uploaded to the GT PAC webpage (this is being constantly updated as new members are added).
- The GT PAC webpage has the bylaws, COGS, meeting minutes, member list, newsletters, and more.
- What to expect this year?
 - Open and focused discussions
 - Subcommittees (best way to influence change)
 - Joining the board
 - GT Parent Symposium
 - Whatever the new executive board puts together
- GT PAC Executive Board
 - Includes president, president-elect (we did not have one this year), secretary, and parliamentarian.
 - The board establishes the yearly GT PAC plan
 - They define the subcommittees and oversee their contribution.
 - They organize the monthly PAC meetings. John suggests that monthly meetings are a good schedule to keep going forward.
- GT PAC Executive Board Elections
 - Nominations start tonight- you can self-nominate or be nominated by someone else. Nominations end September 15th.
 - Voting runs from September 16th to 22nd.
 - Notifications sent out September 22nd.
 - Outgoing GT PAC executive board will meet with new executive board on September 22nd for a hand off.
 - Next GT PAC meeting is on September 23rd.
 - The outgoing board will be available to the new board for help along the way.
 - Question: How will we know anything about the nominees before we vote?
Aisha Holmes will send out a questionnaire with small bio and description of the positions when nominations start. All nominations will be sent to Aisha Holmes at aisha.colemanholmes@fortbendis.com.
 - Remember that the president does not get a vote. President also attends GT Task Force meetings. These meetings are about 1.5-2 hours long and take place during the work day.

- Questions and Discussion:
 - Differences between GT and SPED: differences in the state law
 - Subcommittees last year: communication and recruitment
 - GT now has a GT webpage on each campus webpage- it is under “students and parents.” The GT department controls announcements here- it contains links to PAC, GT calendar, etc. We can also do a push out to this page at each campus.
 - Kim Hibsich: District communication is better, but we need to improve communication on campuses. Campuses communicate differently. Need unified messages to come from principals or COGS.
 - President of GT PAC also attends Task Force meetings. The GT Task Force also has a communication committee. They have been working on improving communication since April.
 - GT Learning Plans: Will be at pilot campuses this year. Communication will go out the week of September 21st. Won’t start until 2nd 9 weeks. There is a GTLP committee on Task Force.
 - PAC members can contact their campus COGS to start a dialogue. Find your campus COGS at www.fortbendis.com/Page/121976
 - Secondary students are served through preAP and AP classes. Some pilot campuses will have innovation hour this year. Some pilot campuses will have the GT Learning Plan. GT mentorship is offered for seniors. Aisha is the chairperson for the secondary services subcommittee on the GT Task Force- they want more services for secondary students. AP and preAP are not GT services. GT showcase this year will be for students from grades 1-12- will be held in April.
- Next meeting is Wednesday, September 23, 2000 from 7-8:30 pm via Zoom.
- Think about what you would like the PAC to address in the coming year.