

The background of the entire graphic is a photograph of a classroom. In the foreground, a young Black girl with her hair in braids is focused on writing in a notebook. Other students are visible in the background, some looking towards the camera and others looking down at their work. The lighting is bright and natural, suggesting a daytime setting.

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**GT Parent Advisory Committee
Informational Open Meeting
August 18, 2021**

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- What is the GT Parent Advisory Committee (GT PAC)?
 - What role do we play in FBISD?
 - Finding GT PAC info online
- Reflections from last year
- Looking forward to this year
- How to become a member of the GT PAC?
 - Expectations for members
- Q&A (if time allows) Submit questions @ <https://app.meet.ps/gtpac2021>

Welcome and Introductions

- **GT PAC Executive Board for the 2021-2022 school year**
 - **Wendy Pennings** - President
 - **Amit Kumar** – President Elect
 - **Kim Hibsich** - Secretary
 - **Sharon Thorne-Green** - Parliamentarian

- **FBISD GT Department Staff**
 - **Dr. Laurie Westphal** - Director
 - **Crystal Wilson** - Elementary Program Manager
 - **Aisha Coleman-Holmes** - Secondary Program Manager
 - **Kamilah Holmes** - GT Academy Coordinator
 - **Dr. Joseph Cahill** - Curriculum Integration Coordinator
 - **Nancy Bryant** - GT Mentorship Specialist

What is the GT Parent Advisory Committee?

“The purpose of the GT Parent Advisory Committee is to **provide insight, support, and encouragement** to the Gifted and Talented Department and the Fort Bend ISD gifted and talented community in order to facilitate the continuous improvement and success of the Fort Bend ISD Gifted and Talented (GT) program.” - GT PAC Bylaws p.1

What is the GT Parent Advisory Committee?

How we accomplish this:

- Identify needed resources for GT students and their families through collaboration with schools, the District, and the community.
- Contribute suggestions concerning policies and program improvements in GT services.
- Advocate for GT students, families, schools, and the District program in an effort to promote the awareness of the unique social and emotional needs of GT students.
- Cultivate a strong GT Community by creating opportunities for positive interactions between families, schools, and the community.
- Facilitate community education with a focus on bridging the gap between Community feedback and District actions.
- Fulfill the Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted and Talented students, Section 5: “Family/Community Involvement” standard of having a parent advisory committee.

- Summary from GT PAC Bylaws p. 1

Components of GT Program in FBISD

GT PAC

Parent Advisory Committee

- * Made up of **parents** of GT students
- * At meetings, there is representation from GT Task Force and the GT Department.
- * Purpose is to **provide insight, support and encouragement** to the GT Department and GT community
- * Give feedback, cultivate community, advocate, and bridge the gap between District and families.
- * Every member on a subcommittee

GT Task Force

- * Made up of GT Department, teachers, campus admin, 4 parents, GT PAC Pres., community members and GT Student(s)
- * Subcommittees are run by GT Department employees
- * Task Force **researches, informs, recommends, and suggests best practices** for growing and strengthening the FBISD GT Program
- * Focus on implementing the five-year plan.
- * Meets multiple times a month
(We give a GT TF update from a TF rep. @ GT PAC meeting)

GT Department

- * Made up of employees of FBISD.
- * Ensures FBISD GT programming aligns with GT State Plan
- * Implement task map objectives in conjunction with upper-level District management
(We give a GT Department update from a GT Dept. rep. @ GT PAC meeting)

Additional Components: COGS, teachers, campus administration, students, counselors, others in District Administration

What the GT PAC is....

- An advisory group to communicate parent concerns to the District.
- We provide support and encouragement to parents of identified GT students.
- We provide insight to the District from a parent's perspective.
- We are a parent liaison to the campus.

What the GT PAC is NOT....


- We cannot change curriculum, teacher training, or general GT programming.
- We do not enforce what needs to be done.
- We cannot address individual student issues.

You can find helpful information about the GT PAC and much more on the Gifted and Talented link of FBISD's website.

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FBISD GT DEPARTMENT
GT PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
OPEN MEETING (VIRTUAL)
AUGUST 18, 2021
7:00 PM
ZOOM MEETING
<https://bit.ly/GTPAC2021OpenMeeting>

GIFTED AND TALENTED PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

What is the purpose of the Gifted and Talented Parent Advisory Committee (GT PAC)?

The GT PAC members serve as liaisons between the GT PAC and their school community. Parent representatives are invited to attend monthly GT PAC meetings and share Gifted and Talented program news with their school communities. Parent representatives are encouraged to provide feedback to the committee from their school communities.

Who is on the GT PAC?

The Gifted and Talented Parent Advisory Committee is comprised of parents in Fort Bend ISD who support the GT program offered by Fort Bend ISD. Ideally, the GT PAC should have at least one parent representative from each FBISD campus. This committed group of parents collaborate with the Fort Bend ISD Gifted and Talented Department, school administrators, and GT teachers to receive updates, ask questions, and provide feedback related to Gifted and Talented programming. A [list of parent representatives](#) and the schools they represent is located in the Reference Documents section of this page to the right.

How may I volunteer to represent my child(ren)'s school?

Parents may self-nominate to serve on the GT Parent Advisory Committee (GT PAC) by completing an [online application](#). Each campus may have a maximum of three parent representatives on the committee. If more than three parents submit applications, representatives will be selected via a lottery. Please email fbisdgtpac@gmail.com if you have additional questions or trouble completing the online application.

CONTACT E-MAIL

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GT PAC EXECUTIVE BOARD

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President-Elect: Amit Kumar
Parliamentarian: Sharon Thorne-Green
Secretary: Kim Hibsch

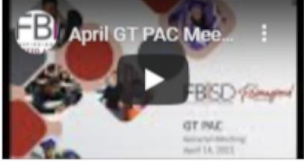
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GT PAC MEETING DOCUMENTS

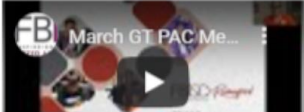
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- PAC MEMBERSHIP**
- GT PAC BY-LAWS**

APRIL 14, 2021 GT PAC MEETING



MARCH 10, 2021 GT PAC MEETING



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FBISD GT Programming

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FORT BEND ISD **INNOVATION HOUR**

Five-Year Plan

GT Learning Plans

Vistas Talent Pool

Reflections from last year

- **Last year's subcommittees**
 - **Parent Symposium**
 - **Elementary Support**
 - **Secondary Support**
 - **Communication**
- **Examples of what we accomplished last year**
 - **Communications Subcommittee**
 - **Parent Symposium**

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THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THE GT PARENT SYMPOSIUM 2021!

We are happy to offer video recordings and PowerPoint handouts for many of the sessions offered in the 2020-21 Symposium. Each session listed below is followed by its video (if available) and a link to its handout (click on the PowerPoint following the title of each presentation).


The GT Parent Symposium Keynote Presentation
"Developing Growth Mindset to Battle Perfectionism"
presented by Daivd Sebek

Mr. Sebek shared practical and usable strategies parents can use to maximize their child's potential, develop a positive learning mindset, and help them give their best to the world. After this 60 minute presentation, parents will come away with techniques to help their student reduce learning frustrations, handle setbacks/grade disappointment, and approach learning new things in a way that will carry them through life's challenges.

Based on the contractual agreement, the recording of Mr. Sebek's session was available for FBISD parent's viewing only until June 3, 2021.

State of the Department and Break Out Sessions

The State of the FBISD GT Department with Dr. Laurie Westphal (Video and PowerPoint Available)



The Myths and Truths about the GT Academy with Cathy Nguyen, and Nehal Dave (PowerPoint Available)
During this session, we will list a few myths and truths in regards to projects, homework, admissions, clubs, and work/life balance involving FBISD's middle school GT Academy. We will then give an opportunity to ask questions.

Organization Tips for the Secondary Student with Bindu Chacko (PowerPoint Available)
James Baker, President George H.W. Bush's former Chief of Staff, once said "Proper Preparation Prevents Poor Performance." Come learn multiple organizational skills that could help your secondary student at home and in school.

Looking Forward to This Year

- **GT PAC Members help decide what we will focus on for the year**
- **Possible topics for our Subcommittees (We will pick 4)**
 - **Symposium* (This will be one of our subcommittees)**
 - **Increase GT PAC participation and campus interactions with GT PAC representatives.**
 - **Secondary social/emotional support with possible meetings for students and/or parents.**
 - **GT PAC Parent Mentorship for new parents to GT services**
 - **Family Series (GT PAC Host an event in the Spring)**
 - **Resource for parents**

Becoming a Member of GT PAC

- The GT PAC is made up of at least 1-3 Parent/Guardian from **each campus**.
 - For campuses with more than 3 interested parents, we will pick through a lottery.
- We meet for 90 minutes once a month
 - **Second Wednesday of the month from 7:00-8:30 on Zoom.**
 - (In September will meet on Sept 15th)
 - Meetings consist of updates from the District and the GT Task force, and GT PAC updates and meeting in subcommittees
 - Some subcommittees may meet for additional meetings outside the general meeting time
- All members are encouraged to be in communication with their campus COGS to ensure the most effective representation
- If a GT PAC member missed 3 meetings during the school year, they may be replaced by another interested parent on the waitlist.

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GT PAC (Parent Advisory Committee) 2021-22

The GT Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) cordially invites parents of gifted students to become members of the PAC for the 2021-22 school year. We are seeking volunteers (maximum of three per campus) to commit to serving as a liaison for their campus as well as collaborating monthly with the Gifted and Talented Department by providing feedback on initiatives. Virtual PAC meetings will be held the second Wednesday of every month. If interested, please complete the PAC Representative Interest Form no later than Tuesday, August 31, 2021. We look forward to working with you this school year!

We are hosting an Open Meeting (virtual) for any parents interested in joining the PAC. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 18, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., and it will provide parents with more details relating to the PAC. The link to the meeting is listed below.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://bit.ly/2VYKNWC>

If you have additional questions, please email Aisha Coleman-Holmes at Aisha.ColemanHolmes@fortbendisd.com.

FALL GT REFERRAL WINDOW NOW OPEN (AUGUST 11, 2021-SEPTEMBER 30, 2021)

Students eligible for fall evaluation

- Currently enrolled FBISD students in grades K-11.

Any Questions?

Submit your question at
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Have a question after this evening? Email us at

fbisdgtpac@gmail.com