

September 15, 2021 General Meeting of the GT PAC

Hosted by Wendy Pennings, President of the PAC

- Wendy opens the meeting and indicates the attendance link for everyone to register their attendance. She acknowledges that we know some people are unable to attend due to ongoing issues with power post hurricane.
- Wendy introduces the executive board and attendees from the GT department. Sharon and Kim both say hello and explain which campus they represent. Dr. Westphal and Ms. Coleman-Holmes also say hello. Wendy explains that Cathy Hunter will represent the GT Task Force and will provide updates monthly.
- Everyone is encouraged to review the powerpoint from last month if anyone missed the meeting.
- Wendy reviews general information about what the PAC is, who is on it, and the goals of the PAC.
- Wendy explains the requirements for membership on the PAC, including regular attendance, serving on a subcommittee, and availability to be a liaison to the campus you represent.
- Wendy shows the GT PAC homepage on the district website, so everyone can see our email, a calendar of meetings, past meetings, etc.
- Dr. Westphal's monthly update:
 - Dr. Westphal explains that there is a new contacts page on the website, so if you need a question answered, this list will help you determine who to reach to for answers. If the person is at the campus level, the link will take you a list of each campus.
 - COGS are explained a bit generally. They will communicate to their teachers on campus, so information gets to teachers and parents from the district.

- GT Mentorship is looking for people to mentor our senior GT students this year. We have some holes that still need to be filled in radiology, biomedical, dental, psychology, neonatal, marketing, and retail supply chain management. Please reach out to Nancy Bryant in the GT office if you have any referrals to potential mentors for these students.

- Aisha Coleman-Holmes discusses the GT Family Series. Participation is optional. There will be a variety of ways to participate this year. October is virtual challenge. Registration is October 4-8. Students will submit a video/photo submission by October 24. Those will be placed on a website for others to see. November will be an in person event. December will be a campus event.

- GT Task Force Update with Cathy Hunter

- Task Force has not met yet this year.

- Cathy explains who is on the Task Force, and the current subcommittees that meet to work on the District's 5 year plan to improve the GT programming. Dr. Westphal links to the 5 year plan for people to reference.

- GT PAC updates

- President Elect had to resign because of a move out of district. We will have an upcoming election to replace that role. Wendy covers the requirements for that position. We have a few people running for the position, but if anyone else is interested, please reach out to Aisha Coleman-Holmes to be added to the ballot.

- Subcommittee ideas were generated by the Executive Board, so we are putting our ideas out there and encourage the group to add to those ideas. The parent symposium will be one of the four subcommittees. The other three will be selected by the group. Executive Board ideas were 1) increasing GT PAC participation to make sure every campus has representation, and

encourage GT PAC representatives to be connected and available to their campuses; 2) Social and Emotional Support for Secondary Students; 3) GT PAC Parent Mentorship for new families coming into the program; 4) Resources for Parents and Family Series. We will rank these four, but also can add additional ideas if people have them.

- Tasks for the Month

- look out for an email from your COGS
- Submit subcommittee options form by Friday
- Submit subcommittee assignment form once that is emailed out later this month

- Resource of the Month

- Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented had a free parent webinar last night. It will be available for anyone to return and view

- Tweens Read Book Festival in October. Authors come in and do panels for the kids.

www.tweensread.com

- Break out Groups

- an executive board member in each group
- people can fill out the subcommittee form if they haven't
- executive board will answer questions
- brainstorm any other subcommittee ideas

All Breakout Rooms Meet