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GT WORK STREAMS UPDATE

The GT Work Streams research, recommend, inform, and suggest best practices for growing and strengthening the FBISD GT Program aligned to a five-year plan. Work Stream membership includes parents, students, administrators, GT department members, District executive leadership, and community members.

In the second quarter of 2023, the The GT Work Streams -- **Communications, GT Credentialing, GT Representation/VISTAS, Secondary Service Design Enhancement, and Student Identification/Program Expansion** -- continued to meet on priority tasks identified in the previous quarter. Work Stream Progress is noted below:

Communications -- The Communications Work Stream has continued to ensure quality and timely messaging for the GT community through monthly newsletters sent directly to parents through the Smore platform, posted on the GT main web page and individual campus GT web pages, and shared through Schoology Communication courses. All GT web pages continue to be monitored regularly for accuracy and relevance. The Communications Work Stream will be moving to an online, once-per-month work calendar in order to maintain quality messaging for 2023-2024.

GT Credentialing -- The Credentialing Work Stream met twice during the past Quarter and began working with our Informational Technology department to implement updates to our current system of credentialing. Our team identified a 5-step plan to make credentialing more efficient and effective. The new system will be ready for trials beginning in August. Our focus moving forward will be to test out the new system and identify any further needs.

GT Representation/VISTAS -- During Quarter Two, the GT Representation Work Stream continued the Root Cause Identification Process. After identifying five themes (1) teacher confidence and training, (2) additional stakeholder training, (3) program resources, (4) communications, and (5) identification and data within the root causes, the Work Stream identified causes within each theme and strategies to address each cause. The Work Stream also identified stakeholders associated with each strategy and the GT Department finished the process of meeting with identified stakeholders to discuss strategies. Based on these meetings, the Department will add strategies to the GT five-year plan.

Secondary Service Design Enhancement -- The Secondary Service Design Work Stream finalized goals for the 2023-24 school year. We will continue our focus to expand GT services at the secondary level. We plan to investigate additional GT service options for secondary GT students, as well as expand the GT-specific elective course “Innovation Lab” to additional middle school campuses.

Student Identification/Program Expansion -- The Student Identification/Program Expansion (SIPE) Work Stream completed the final edits for the newly developed GT Observation Behavior Checklist (OBC) for distribution to parents and teachers for GT evaluation during the 2023-2024 school year. The FBISD GT OBC for parents and teachers was submitted for translation into Spanish during Summer 2023.

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

The members of the GT PAC are committed to ensuring that school policies and programs benefit all students, including gifted learners. The parent representatives serve as liaisons between the GT PAC and their school community, sharing Gifted and Talented programming news with their school communities and providing feedback to the committee from their school communities.

The GT Parent Advisory Committee, hosted the first “Family Game Day” at the First Colony Library on Saturday, April 15, 2023. Nearly 30 GT families attended this event. Based on feedback, the GT PAC is planning to host additional social/community service events for GT students during the 2023-24 school year.

The GT PAC also elected the members of the Executive Board for 2023-24. Members of the Executive Board are Sonia Morgan-Linnell (President), Yasmin White (Secretary), and Muge’ Simsek (Parliamentarian). There is currently a vacancy in the position of President-Elect, which will be filled in August, 2023.

PILOTS AND PROGRAMMING

It is the goal of the Gifted and Talented Department in Fort Bend ISD to continue to develop innovative programming based on current research. As programming is developed, it is "piloted" at different grade levels and campuses in order to collect feedback prior to launching the initiative District-wide. The 2022-2023 pilot program continues to be Innovation Hour. As programming moves from the pilot phase into the implementation phase, we continue to monitor and report progress during its inaugural year. In 2022-23 the GT Learning Plan is moving to year one of its district-wide implementation phase.

Innovation Hour

Participating campuses:

AFE, BRE, CME, CSE, LGE, LLE, LCE, CVME, MYE, ME, PE, JPE, SWE, WSE, MGMS

Innovation Hour has begun its next round of expansion. Our department met with several FBISD principals and administrators to prepare for the next group of schools onboarding the program. A new set of resources designed to support our students development of professional products has been obtained and is now ready for the upcoming school year. The GT Department's focus moving forward will be to begin scheduling campus visits to provide support and guidance for the program while the school year begins.

GT Learning Plan

During the end-of-year review for the GT Learning Plan, students and teachers reflected on the goal achievement process, including the consideration of future goals for the 2023-24 school year. The 2022-23 GT Learning Plans have been uploaded into students' portfolios and should be viewable in Skyward. Looking forward to the 2023-24 school year, a GT Learning Plan reporting system is in development to track campus's participation in the GT Learning Plan process.