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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.

During the third quarter of 2023, the **The GT Work Streams -- Communications, GT Credentialing, Secondary Services Review, and Student Identification/Program Expansion** -- began setting their goals and outlining their work for the 2023-24 school year.

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, placed in the FBISD Principal Newsletter, and shared through Campus Schoology Communication courses. All GT web pages continue to be monitored regularly for accuracy and relevance.

GT Credentialing -- The Credentialing Work Stream recently met with technology services to outline next steps and tasks that need to be completed for integration across multiple District platforms. The focus for Quarter Four meetings will be to finalize solutions with technology services and to conduct tests to make sure the District professional learning platform is communicating with the other software in the District.

Secondary Services Review-- For the 2023-24 school year, the Secondary Services Review Work Stream is focusing on reviewing GT services available at the secondary level. The Secondary Services Review Work Stream wants to ensure FBISD is responding to the unique needs of our gifted learners and adjusting as needed to guarantee GT services are effective. During Quarter Three, this work stream has focused on developing goals for reviewing GT services at the secondary level.

Student Identification/Program Expansion -- The Student Identification/Program Expansion (SIPE) work stream reconvened in September following the summer break for July and August. Committee members reviewed historical information regarding previous work stream projects including the revision of the GT Parent and Teacher Gifted Behavior Observation form. In September, the committee reviewed the 2023-2024 SIPE work stream goals and priorities to improve the GT Appeal process.

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 (GT PAC) held its first virtual meeting for the 2023-2024 school year on September 13, 2023. GT PAC meetings are scheduled every second Wednesday of each month. There were a total of 62 GT parents in attendance for this meeting.

The GT PAC is currently recruiting parents from campuses without parent representation. These campuses include LAE, BRE, BGE, WBE, RDE, EAJ, AFE, HGE, ME, MGE, OCE, QVE, RGE, RME, JSES, SME, TWE, BMS, JBMS, DMS, HBMS, LOMS, CMMS, MCMS, BHS, CHS, ACHS, HHS, KHS, MHS, RPHS, THS, and WHS.

The 2023-24 GT PAC Executive Board consists of Sonia Morgan-Linnell (President), Vacant (President-Elect), Yasmin White (Secretary) and Muge' Simsek (Parliamentarian).

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 2023-2024 pilot program continues to be Innovation Hour, and in 2023-24 the GT Learning Plan is moving to year two of its district-wide implementation.

Innovation Hour

Innovation Hour Campuses for 23-24

Arizona Fleming Elementary

Blue Ridge - Briargate Elementary

Colony Meadows Elementary

Cornerstone Elementary

*Commonwealth Elementary

*Dulles Elementary

Goodman Elementary

Lantern Lane Elementary

Lexington Creek Elementary

Madden Elementary

Malala Elementary

Meadows Elementary

*Oakland Elementary

Palmer Elementary

Patterson Elementary

*Rosa Parks Elementary

Settlers Way Elementary

*Sullivan Elementary

Walker Station Elementary

Garcia Middle School

Sartartia Middle School

*Denotes campuses piloting during the 2023-2024 school year

The expansion of Innovation Hour continues this year. We are excited about adding five new campuses this school year. The GT department has met with campus leaders and administrators throughout Fort Bend ISD to onboard the next group of schools into the program. Both professional learning opportunities and instructional resources are available to teachers and campus administrators as they launched Innovation Hour. The GT departments will begin to focus on scheduling campus visits to support and provide guidance for the Innovation Hour campuses.

GT Learning Plan

The GT Learning Plan continues with the phase-in implementation district-wide in grades 1-5, 6-7, and 9-10 for all FBISD campuses. GT students who participated in the GT Learning Plan pilots will continue implementing GT Learning Plans at all grade levels. GT Learning Plans will be implemented in grades 6th-7th and 9th-10th for GT students who have not previously participated in the pilot. In September, students developed goals and identified their action steps (if needed) to reach their goals. An opportunity for parental input regarding student goals was also available in September.
