

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 196
Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan Public Schools
Educating our students to reach their full potential

Gifted and Talented Advisory Council (GTAC) Minutes
February 21, 2017

APPROVED

Present: Theresa Back, Jennifer Garnsworthy, Heidi Hegenbarth, Cathy Kindem, Pam McDonald, Doug Oase, Pete Roback, Dr. Tara Hedlund, Anoushka Sunkum, Steve Troen, Laurie Volpano, Allison Henderson, and Shari Skaudis.

- The council was welcomed by Pam McDonald. Minutes were approved as read. They will now be posted on the district website and shared in the GTAC sharing site on COLLAB. GTYS Updates were approved as read. Special note, the second Future Cities team from Scott Highlands also place fifth at the Regional competition, also making the final competition, but due to the rule that two teams cannot be in the finals from the same school, they did not advance in the competition. Cathy also gave an update on the recent STEM fair at Apple Valley High School. This Update will be available in the GTAC Sharing Site on COLLAB.
- Pam made the group aware that registration for Nature's Engineers Day Camp, being held this summer for GTYS students in grades 1, 2, 3, and 4 would be beginning shortly. Currently the registration will be run through Community Ed with limited scholarships mainly for Free and Reduced lunch students. Not included in this year's budget were T-shirts and water bottles for students. Pam is actively seeking donors for those items. She asked the group if they might know of any business that might be willing to partner with day camp to help defray this cost. Mortenson Construction was mentioned as a possible source of revenue. Pam will contact this company.
- The group was given the most recent update on the work of the Redesign team by Steve Troen. Now that the beliefs are in a rough draft form, parent feedback is needed. Since the charge of GTAC is to provide input from the community regarding GTYS programming, GTAC will be the voice of the community as we continue to move forward with Redesign. In an effort to organize feedback the group was divided into three groups. Each group was given a question to consider. On COLLAB, the questions were reflected in in three feedback sheets. One sheet reflected the group's thoughts on the beliefs in policy 610. The second sheet reflect thoughts about what GT programming is and isn't at each level. The final question was aimed at finding out what parents of GT student need. Each group had an amount of time to spend responding to each question. The group diligently worked at gathering feedback in each of the three areas. ***This feedback is available for the entire group to see as part of the GTAC Sharing site (Feedback Sheet 1, 2, and 3).*** This information will be shared with the larger Redesign group as they finalize the beliefs that will drive the recommendations. In April, the finalized beliefs from the Redesign team will be shared with the group. The group will also get to give input on how these beliefs might be implemented into recommendations.

Future Meetings:

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