

GT PAC General Meeting April 13, 2022

- Wendy welcomes everyone and reminds everyone to sign in on the attendance form.

Questions can go to fbisdgtpac@gmail.com

- GT Department Update

- Welcome to Natasha Maqsood to the GT Department as a GT Specialist

- Breaking News! The GT Department is recommending the introduction of a GT pullout program in FBISD. The program would serve GT children, and would start at the elementary level. The goal is to guarantee GT services for our GT children in a consistent way. It will be thematic and will differ from the instruction students receive on their campus. The hope is that it will meet GT social and emotional needs in addition to their academic needs. The goal is that the program would begin in grade 2, but ultimately, it will depend on funding. The current plan includes children being picked up from home campus, transported to the program, and returned by the end of the school day. The District is looking at locations across the district, but that piece hasn't been locked down yet. Children will not have to be on buses for an hour plus as sometimes happens with the GTA. The goal is to offer it to all students in the designated grade levels - not just pilot with certain campuses. The Department is unsure of exactly how many grade levels will pilot in the initial year. The pullout would be for an entire day, and they will have different units of study than their normal class time. This program would not replace services on home campuses – it would be in addition to those campus services. Based on this information, the Department is looking for questions and feedback that should be included in parent communications in the future: <https://bit.ly/FBISDGTNC> There is a QR Code in the PowerPoint if that is easier to access.

- GT Implementation Team Update

- Representation is done assessing the data. They are now brainstorming solutions to the problems presented by the data, and will start make decisions about how to proceed towards positive change. To assure people, no one is going to be kicked out of the program. The goal is to increase representation in groups lacking, not lower the representation in other groups.

- Communication continues to focus on getting newsletter out and ensuring our parents get the info they need.

- Student Identification and Program Expansion is working through the identification profile and looking at some mock profiles. They are trying to increase representation. They also reviewed the GT Learning Plan documents.

- Elementary Exploratory is gathering feedback on different options to increase programming.

- Secondary Services is looking at options for expanding GT services at the secondary level. They are currently working on a GT course for middle school students that will pilot at two campuses next year. They are working to confirm those campuses now and ensure they are ready to launch.

- GT PAC Election Update with Monica Willis, the current President Elect

- Monica explains that we are looking for people to fill positions for next year. Vacant positions are President- Elect, Secretary, and Parliamentarian. Extended descriptions of these positions are available in the PowerPoint.

- If interested, please reach out via the PAC email address, fbisdgtpac@gmail.com or fill in the nomination form directly. Nominations, or someone else or yourself, should be in by April 25th. Elections will be the first week in May, so we can announce the new board during our May meeting.

- Monica is hoping to increase our visibility in the schools and the district as a whole.

She's also hoping to continue to support GT parents and add to our ability to be an asset for parents.

- GT PAC Updates

- GT Symposium videos and PowerPoints are up and live, so please feel free to enjoy the presentations you missed.

- GT Symposium subcommittee has no new updates.

- Parent Engagement worked on our new family meeting and are now working on ideas for next year.

- GT Family Resources is working through all of the websites, and starting to discuss what changes can potentially be made.

- PACE

- PACE is inviting everyone to their next board meeting. May 6th, 11-1, at Panera (1928 Hwy 6, Sugar Land).

- PACE is a parent support group for GT caregivers. It is not affiliated with the district.

- Tasks for GT PAC Members

- Subcommittee work

- Start recruiting PAC members for next year! Ask parents you know, ask teachers for parents that might want to join, post on your PTO page, etc.

- Featured Resource of the Month

- Understanding the 5 Overexcitabilities/Intensities

- www.byrdseed.com/five-unexpected-traits-of-gifted-students/

- Intellectual, Imaginational, Sensual, Psychomotor, Emotional

- “Living with Intensity” by Susan Daniels is a recommended book
- 42 Electronics is the resource for kids
 - Teaches children electronics and wiring
 - Designed for middle and hs, but some younger would be ok
 - Kids can work through it on their own
- Meeting moves to subcommittees