

GT PAC Open Meeting Via Zoom

August 19, 2020 7pm

- 100 participants at the start of the zoom call.
- We will be having remote meetings for now due to Covid-19 situation.
- This presentation will be available on the GT PAC website tomorrow. We will let everyone know.
- The current executive board of the GT PAC consists of a President (John Aven), Parliamentarian (Deepshikha Singh), and Secretary (Nadine Skinner). There should also be a President-Elect. The President coordinates all meetings, does meeting presentations, heads board meetings. The Parliamentarian makes sure all rules are followed, and the Secretary takes meeting minutes.
- The GT PAC provides representation of the GT students in FBISD. It consists of at least 1 parent or guardian of a GT student from each FBISD campus (max of 3 per campus), the steering committee (the director of GT, the GT coordinators, and the GT academy coordinator), and the GT PAC executive board (President, President-Elect, Parliamentarian, and Secretary). We need to have our voices heard so we can represent our students and all the GT students at our schools. We act as sort of a consultant to help come up with recommendations for gaps that we see at our schools.
- What does the GT PAC do? See the bylaws, article 1, section 1. We are focused on continuous improvement. We focus on 6 main areas: resources, policy, advocacy, community, education, and the Texas State Plan for GT.
- Our goal is to have 3 GT PAC representatives for each FBISD school. Most schools are not represented at all. We need to strengthen our representation in order to have positive change. GT PAC representatives attend on average 1 meeting per month. If you serve on a GT PAC subcommittee, you may attend additional subcommittee meetings. There may also be other opportunities for involvement, which will be up to the new GT PAC executive board.
- There was a slide shown that shows the current GT PAC representation. Over half of the FBISD schools have no representatives yet. Some schools have GT students in the single digits, so it will be hard to get parents involved from those schools. Laurie and Aisha are going to work on this.
- The GT PAC executive board serves as an interface between FBISD and GT parents. It maintains active communication between the district and families. The board presides over all GT PAC meetings. The board also creates and manages subcommittees. The subcommittees are defined by the GT PAC. The GT PAC executive board also reports yearly to the FBISD Board of Trustees on its activity.

- The GT PAC executive board helps determine the feasibility of the GT PAC plans and goals and helps set a timeline for implementation of those plans and goals.
- The GT PAC executive board serves as the main interface between the GT PAC members and the FBISD department of gifted and talented.
- Important Dates coming up for joining the GT PAC:
 - Respond to the sign-up form in the mail already sent (form link was also put in chat)
 - Deadline to sign up is August 26th.
 - Lottery will be held on August 27th. (Lottery is only for campuses that have more than 3 parents interested in serving on the GT PAC.)
 - Notifications by email will be sent on August 28th.
- Election and Meeting Dates:
 - First closed meeting for members of the GT PAC: September 2nd at 7pm on Zoom
 - Executive Board Nominations will be accepted from September 2nd-9th.
 - Executive Board Elections will be held September 9th-15th.
- The new executive board for 2020-2021 will set goals and establish a plan for this school year. The goals must align with GT initiatives, needs of children, and address gaps in the GT program.
- Contact us:
 - Email: fbisdgtpac@gmail.com
 - Facebook: private page at fbisdgtpac
 - GT PAC Website: <https://www.fortbendisd.com/Page/124570> (the website has minutes, meeting dates, board information, information about COGS, a recording of this presentation, and more)
- Attendee Questions and Answers:
 - Can we fundraise?
 - You can only be a GT PAC executive board member if you are on the GT PAC.
 - Each school has only 1 vote, no matter how many GT PAC members that school has. The President of the GT PAC does not get a vote.
 - We want consistency in our members. So, you can serve for three years at a particular campus (we ask if you want to come back each year). When your child graduates to a new school, you can request to be the rep for that new school (and go into the lottery for that school if necessary.)