

GT PAC General Meeting

September 23, 2020 at 7 pm via Zoom

- **Attendance recorded via google form. Link was put in chat.**
- **Introduction of New Executive Board:** President is Kim Hibsch (kim.hibsch@gmail.com); President-Elect is Wendy Pennings; Parliamentarian is Deepshikha Singh. Secretary is TBD.
- **Meeting Attendance:** If you miss 3 sequential meetings, you can be replaced on the PAC. We have a waiting list of parents who want to be representatives.
- **Facebook:** We have a closed Facebook group- fbisdgtpac. Join us!
- **Meetings:** Will be held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm. The dates will be put on the GTPAC website (www.fortbendisd.com/GTPAC). We will stay with virtual meetings for the near future.
- **Secretary Election:** We need to hold an election for Secretary. Nadine Skinner put her name into the election. No one else volunteered. Deepshika made a motion for Nadine Skinner to be Secretary. Wendy seconded, and all vote aye. Motion passed.
- **Subcommittees:** Last year, our 2 subcommittees were recruitment and communication. This year, Kim said we need a subcommittee on the GT Symposium to help with preparation, designing panels, recruiting volunteers, getting sponsors, etc. The symposium is held in the spring. We had an open discussion on other subcommittee topics. Possible topics listed below:
 - Provide feedback to district on GT instruction
 - Explore anything for social and mental well being for GT students as they remain online or transition to F2F (also consider academy kids)
 - How to communicate that GT means different not more (Dr. Westphal said that this should not happen. Reach out to the GT Admin on your campus or to Dr. Westphal.)
 - Explore teacher training (Dr. Westphal said that teachers got specific teacher training this summer with curriculum alternatives for elementary schools. Teacher training is under district control.)
 - Benchmarking GT program against other GT programs in state or nation
 - How can students move on if they have shown mastery of a topic

- Twice exceptional children
 - Subcommittees based on grade level- elementary vs secondary
 - How can we support teachers and teacher accountability
 - Student organization and skills for studying/success in school (elementary, middle, and high school)
 - Perfectionism
 - Communication: with COGS, roadmap of who to reach out to, etc.
 - Supporting our GT kids more directly- study skills, executive functioning skills
 - Things our children can do outside of school for social/emotional wellness
 - Avid courses being a part of GT program (Avid currently being offered at middle and high school and being piloted at one ES.)
 - Grouping of GT students together in advisory courses in secondary schools- district policy vs campus policy?
- **Future:**
 - Executive board will review subcommittee ideas and consolidate them. They will email out to the GT PAC members what the subcommittees will be and will solicit volunteers to serve on the subcommittees.
 - Subcommittees will work monthly at GT PAC meetings and supplement as needed. They will start work at the next meeting.
 - Next meeting is **Wednesday, October 14th at 7 pm.**
 - Please email us at fbsidgtpac@gmail.com with questions or to share any other ideas.
 - Join us on the Facebook page (fbsidgtpac) to share more ideas to communicate with other GTPAC members.
- **Minutes respectfully taken by Nadine Skinner, secretary.**