

March 9, 2022, General GT PAC Meeting

- Wendy opens the meeting and welcomes everyone.
- GT Department Update
 - Dr. Westphal thanks everyone for their work on the symposium.
 - TPSP Virtual Showcase is April 19, 2022. The showcase will be virtual again this year, with the hope that it will return to face to face next year. Showcase will include all grade levels, K-12. Dr. Westphal is eager to get all the kids together across grade levels, to give the kids a chance to see older and younger children's work.
 - GT Mentorship Showcase is April 26, 2022. This will be live, and is open to the public.
- GT PAC Executive Board Elections
 - Nominations open from March 9- April 13, 2022
 - April 13, 2022- We will announce candidates at our meeting
 - Elections will be from May 2- May 9, 2022
 - Results will be announced at the May 11, 2022 PAC meeting
 - Open positions are President-Elect, Parliamentarian, Secretary
 - Monica Willis will be President next year as she is our current President-Elect
 - <https://bit.ly/3KjkDc> is the nomination form
 - President-Elect position is a two year commitment, as you will become President the following year. You will also run the Symposium Subcommittee.
- Secretary takes notes during meetings and creates minutes that go on the website after the meeting
- Parliamentarian ensures we follow our procedural rules

- The executive board generally meets at least one time separately from the monthly general meeting.

- Wendy adds that President is also a part of the GT Implementation Team.

- Wendy also mentions that Parliamentarian is going to be in charge of attendance.

- GT Family Series

- Registration closes tomorrow for this month, and submissions will be due on March 21, 2022. Detailed info is on the GT Family Series webpage.

- GT Implementation Team Update

- Communication

- Meets monthly and reviews the monthly newsletter and the quarterly reports prior to publication. The work stream also looks at what different campuses are communicating on their websites.

- Student Identification and Program Expansion

- They are examining the current profile and identification process. The goal is to make things clearer and easier for parents.

- Representation

- This group is through the data gathering process, and has identified key problem/issues. We are now starting to figure out how to address those issues.

- Elementary Exploratory

- This group is looking at potential expansion options at the elementary level.

Dr. Westphal hopes to have more updates on this group soon.

- Secondary Services

- This group is working on expanding programming options. Right now they are hoping to pilot a new independent study course next year. This will happen at the middle school level for 7th and 8th graders.

- GT Subcommittee Updates

- GT Parent Symposium

- Wendy congratulates the group on putting together a great symposium.

- Monica thanks everyone who attended, presented, and helped put it all together.

- Recordings will be posted soon for anyone that missed sessions.

- Wendy gives keynote speaker, Dr. C. Matthew Fugate, a shout out and Sonia shares that it was a really great speech. Sonia suggests that there are so many kids that could benefit from his talk.

- Parent Engagement

- We started to work on a mini symposium of sorts to provide information to families that just found out that they have a GT student. We will continue to work on that this evening along with the Symposium group.

- Resources

- They are still working through resources and will start making choices about how to organize and use the resources listed.

- Tasks for GT PAC Members

- We are still in process with sending out PAC letters. Wendy explains the cause of the delay, and we hope they will go out asap. We want to send them out this year, even though late, to set up the expectation for next year.

- Continue to work on subcommittee goals.

- Featured Resource of the Month
 - Thinkfun games
 - They are dedicated to creating games that foster learning through play.
 - Many brain teasers, or games that engage the mind.
 - <https://www.thinkfun.com/our-products>
 - Wendy explains a game called Circuit Maze as an example
- Everyone heads to their breakout rooms