

FBISD GT PAC General Meeting November 10, 2021

- Wendy welcomes everyone to the meeting, goes over agenda, asks for people to fill in attendance link
- GT Department Update from Dr. Westphal
 - GT Mentorship only needs one more placement- in the field of autism therapy
 - Connecting with your campus COGS
 - Several COGS assignments have shifted to a new person in the last weeks
 - If you haven't heard from COGS, PAC members can reach out directly
 - At least 50% of campuses have had COGS reach out or hold meetings
 - Family Series Update from Aisha Holmes
 - October presentations are up on the youtube channel and are awesome
 - Winter Break Challenge will open for registration in December
 - Submissions will be due in January. "Lights, Camera, Create!"
- GT Implementation Team Update from Cathy Hunter
 - Acceleration is meeting with principals for timeline feedback working towards pilot launch
 - Communications is sending out newsletters and quarterly reports
 - Elementary Service Expansion is thinking about how to develop talent beyond core classes, and how students are working together on smaller GT campuses
 - Secondary Support is working on GT specific classes and rolling those out
 - Student Identification is examining the current process and talking about how to alter the current process. They are learning about how other districts handle identification.

- GT PAC Updates

- Three subcommittees are up and running. They are GT Parent Symposium, Parent Engagement, and GT Family Resources, with a subsection on 2E students.

- Parent Engagement is going to work on a template for PAC members to introduce themselves to their campus community. Wendy explains that SEPAC sends out an introductory letter, and we can use that as a reference to draft our own.

- Goal is to have letter ready after Thanksgiving so it can go out before the next GT PAC meeting.

- We encourage PAC reps to coordinate with other reps on their campus if there are more than one of you.

- Not mandatory to share your information with the community, if members aren't comfortable.

- List of GT PAC members is available of the GT PAC webpage, and COGS are listed in the contacts section of the same page.

- Template can be personalized and then sent to your campus to distribute.

- Tasks for PAC members

- If you haven't heard from your COGS, please reach out and introduce yourself.

- Send introduction template to school.

- Subcommittee work

- Resource of the Month
 - Game called Mariposas about the life cycle and migration of butterflies
 - On the FBISD GT website, there is a link on the left for Supplemental Resources.
 - There is one called 48 Essential Links for Parents of gifted children
 - mix of blogs, orgs, twitter feeds, articles, etc
- Breakout groups met to continue working on their goals.