

## **OCTOBER 13, 2021 GT PAC MEETING**

- Wendy calls the meeting to order and reviews the agenda for the meeting.
- New members
  - welcomed to the PAC
  - Wendy directs everyone to the PAC webpage for additional information, including minutes of previous meetings and critical PowerPoints.
- GT Department Update from Dr. Westphal
  - Excited to welcome new members and mentions that we still have some openings if people want to join the PAC
  - GT Mentorship needs mentors in Orthodontics, Supply Chain Management, Child Therapy (Austism), and Marketing. Anyone with a contact, please reach out to Nancy Bryant in the GT Department. Great program for senior GT students to get hands on experience in a field that they are truly interested in pursuing. 23 students this year, and 19 already have placements. Trying to fill those last four placements asap.
  - GT Family Series launched in early October. 53 students signed up from middle and elementary schools. Those students will make presentations, which will be available on YouTube starting November 1.
- GT Task Force/ Implementation Team Update
  - Task Force is now called the Implementation Team.
  - Cathy Hunter reviews the previous and new subcommittees (now work streams) for the Implementation Team. Slide with full details is included in the PowerPoint, but effectively the Implementation Team is moving a few work streams to as needed and have added new work

streams. Cathy explains where each work stream is starting for the year, and where they are headed.

- GT PAC Updates

- Monica Willis is our new President Elect as per our election.

- She will facilitate the Symposium Subcommittee and become President next year.

- Three subcommittees for this year.

- GT Parent Symposium- Monica and Sharon will run

- January symposium and mini for newly identified students in the spring

- Parent Engagement- Kim will run

- Focus on increasing PAC membership, increasing visibility on campuses, and starting a parent mentorship program for families new to GT services in FBISD.

- GT Family Resources- Wendy will run

- Working on distributing resources for parents and students.

- Addition to this subcommittee to be discussed below.

- COGs have lists of their PAC members, so everyone should be hearing from their COGs. If you don't hear from them by the end of next week, we encourage PAC members to reach out and introduce themselves.

- Featured Resource this month

- Tweens Read Book Festival

- next week

- authors of middle grade books

- 2E students (Twice Exceptional)

- Wendy explains what 2E means- child is both GT and has a disability. Wendy lays out what is listed as a disability for 2E purposes.

- Wendy notes Kristin Kassaw's seminar from last year's symposium. There is a video available.

- Changes to Family Resources Subcommittee

- The Executive Board is increasingly aware of the need to address this group of learners.

- Subcommittee will work on how to reach these families, and how to best help them.

- Because of this shift, we are happy to have people adjust their subcommittee selection for those with a particular interest in this area, or a lack of interest in this area.

- BREAK OUT GROUPS

- introductions, review of subcommittee topic, identify concrete goals for the year