

MINUTES OF GT TRANSITION COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 27, 2008

Persons Attending: Linda Washco, Ulysses Cox, Grace Cassidy, Daniel Cottle, Louise Porter, Gary Hinson, Dean Shepherd, Heather Brennan, Denise Pensinger, Patrice Robataille, Susan Greenbaugh

Minutes Submitted By: Denise Pensinger

Introductions

- I. Updates Regarding Orientations
  - A. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade GT Tours
    1. Positive Feedback
    2. Loved the electives
  - B. Open House
    1. Big Turnout
    2. More came than responded initially
  - C. Hiring New GTC Teachers
    1. Ad was placed today
    2. Deadline is March 7, 2008
    3. What qualifications do parents want to see
      - a. Strong Abilities
      - b. Flexibility in teaching (getting work done v. expanding horizons)
      - c. Can identify student's "hot buttons" to get them to achieve at their highest level
      - d. Creativity
      - e. Ability to work with the other teachers
      - f. Engaging and entertaining
      - g. Emotional characteristics identification
      - h. Understanding of issues of teaching GT students
      - i. Check references
    4. Process Involves
      - a. Panel interview
      - b. Check on references
      - c. Perhaps second interview
  - D. Subcommittees
    1. Extracurricular Activities
      - a. Model UN
      - b. National History Day

- (1) Research, Writing Skills
    - (2) Deadlines
    - (3) Incorporate into history curriculum
  - c. Chess Club
  - d. Who would teach?
    - (1) High School students
    - (2) US Chess Association Teachers
    - (3) Students could teach themselves
  - e. Science Olympiad/Odyssey of the Mind
    - (1) Timing, coaches
    - (2) Find out who is involved
  - f. Drama Production
- 2. Parent Communications
  - a. Electronic Progress reports
    - (1) Just for the GTC Center students at this time
    - (2) Problems with emails
    - (3) Expanding this to additional teams next year
  - b. Grade Book
    - (1) Not available
  - c. Keep in Touch
    - (1) problems with system
    - (2) Website, all call as alternatives
- 3. Meet and Greet Events
  - a. April 2 2-4 Parent Coffee
  - b. Topic for coffee – Advanced Academic High School Programs
  - c. Ice Cream Social
    - (1) June on a Friday Night

II. Thoughts as to the Continued Existence of Committee

- A. Ending in June of this year
- B. Continuing until next year

NEXT MEETING: APRIL 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda Items – Preparation for Ice Cream Social  
Information New GT Teaching Candidates