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 Greenbaigh

Minutes Submitted By: Denise Pensinger

Introductions

I. Updates Regarding Orientations
   A. 6th 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