

Carol Lewis, President, called the meeting to order at approximately 6:39PM at the Lake Washington School District Resource Center. Board members Carol Lewis, Jaya Ramesh, Cathy Webb, and Jeff Longcore were in attendance.

### **Announcements**

- Kamiakin 5<sup>th</sup> grade parent/student night will be Monday 2/13, from 7-8PM.
- Gifted Education Day in Olympia will be tomorrow 2/2
- Upcoming GEAC General Meetings will include:
  - 3/1 – Twice Exceptional presentation by Carol Lewis
  - 4/12 – Family Games Night & Book Discussion

### **Quest Office, Heather Sanchez – Director of Accelerated Programs**

- Screening
  - 2486 1<sup>st</sup> graders
  - 2024 students at other grade levels
- 111 new Kindergarteners accepted for gifted services
  - Will be served at the area school that they attend
  - 89 reading & math
  - 12 reading only
  - 9 math only
- Providing opportunities for professional learning
  - Best practices in gifted education
  - Meeting the social emotional needs of gifted learners
  - Continuing curriculum alignment work
  - Good attendance from teachers in gifted and general education.

### **Special Guest**

- René Islas, Executive Director of the [National Association of Gifted Children](#) spoke briefly. Bill Knudson, Director of Government and Affiliate Relations also attended.
- Encouraged everyone to join, advocate for gifted.
- Vision: Giftedness and high potential are fully recognized, universally valued, and actively nurtured to support children from all backgrounds in reaching for their personal best and contributing to their communities.
- Change people's minds about the nature of giftedness
- Change policies to build a supportive environment
- Help implement effective practices

### **Dr. Nancy Hertzog – Director, UW Robinson Center for Young Scholars**

- Dr. Hertzog spoke about the history of the UW Robinson Center, and the available programs
- Information is available at <https://robinsoncenter.uw.edu>
- Summer Programs
  - Summer Challenge (grades 5-6)
    - Three weeks, 9-2:30
    - Small classes (16 students)
    - Narrative reports, no grades

- Must have completed 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade, met 90<sup>th</sup> percentile on nationally normed tests
  - Summer Stretch (grades 7-10)
    - Five weeks, 9 am -2:20 pm
    - Homework, tests.
    - Some school districts will accept credits
    - Student profile
      - Self-motivated
      - Likes a challenge and responds to it
      - Seeks peers who enjoy challenge
      - Independent
      - Passionate about one or more subjects / fields
      - Open to learning differently
      - Might be a little bored in current educational setting
  - Most teachers are gifted teachers. Robinson Center does teacher development for 504 / 2E
- Transition School
- One year “college prep” program
  - Usually taken after 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Class size of 16-18 students
  - Intensive accelerated learning
  - Graduation leads to early entrance into UW
- UW Academy
- For 10<sup>th</sup> graders
    - Go to UW as freshman after 10<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Cohort of 35 students
  - Academic support
  - Robinson Center community
  - These students have maintained high levels of educational attainment
    - 20 times levels of PhD attainment
- No program for 11<sup>th</sup> graders.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.