

Gifted Education Advisory Council

MAY 2ND, 2017: NEW PARENT MEETING

Meeting called to order by Carol Lewis, GEAC President, at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Board Members in attendance included: Carol Lewis, Jaya Ramesh, Alice O'Brien and Anhaita Jamula. Approximately 400 others were present.

Introductions:

- **Carol Lewis** introduced herself and GEAC.
- **Jaya Ramesh:** President Elect introduced herself. Shared website info and where to sign up for GEAC newsletter.
Mission for GEAC shared with focus on Outreach and Enrichment, Education and support opportunities. Advocacy.
- **Alice O'Brien:** Introduction of the GEAC Ambassador role with GEAC: connect parents to each other, parents to resources. Examples shared with how an ambassador can facilitate collaborations between the school and GEAC.

Agenda:

Heather Sánchez, Director of Accelerated Programs gave a Quest Program Overview. Mission statement shared. ***“Every student future ready.”***

- K2-HC, Pull Out quest and Full Time Quest discussed. Middle School Quest format and placement.
- 2152 children or 7.7% in LWSD are identified as highly capable.
- In fall, 17% increase in K2-HC, 40% in Pull Out, 33 % in Full Time, 26% in middle school.
- Overall 31% increase in K to 8th grade. From 1,243 to 1,646 kids.
- Parents' questions were responded to by the Quest Teachers presenting. Mostly in attendance were parents of 2nd graders who were newly qualifying into Quest. Several questions raised about homework expectations, socializing with Gen Ed children, plans around “making up” for those kids that may need extra help, and general setting the children up with success through the transition to QUEST.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35.