

ACOS

Meeting Notes: January 11th, 2012

Meeting began at 9:50 am January 11th, 2012, in the Quest portable at Hidden Creek Elementary School.

Present:

Maureen, Trina, Tracy, Joanne, Janet

Topics:

- December 7th Meeting Notes
 - No questions or comments.
- Brain Power Bins Update (Maureen)
 - Letters sent out to publishers to get permission to use pages of their materials.
 - District office person working on putting Bins together.
 - An issue with the number of copies for Bins is being straightened out.
 - Brain Power Bins should be in circulation by the end of next week.
 - Publicizing Bins
 - 2nd grade teachers to be informed about Brain Power Bins at the January 24th District meeting.
 - Instructional specialists will inform teachers about the bins at staff meetings.
 - Concern has been expressed regarding bin location within schools.
 - Need to promote how the Brain Power Bins should be used.
- Quest Nominations
 - 2nd grade teachers will be informed about Quest nominations at the District meeting.
 - Discussed 'robo-call' announcement of Quest nominations.
 - Each school sending home a principal's message announcing Quest nominations.
- ACOS Website
 - Have obtained permission to link the ACOS website to the Quest section of the SKSD website.
- ACOS Facebook Page
 - Discussed creating a Facebook page for ACOS.
 - Talked about groups to possibly link to the page ("Likes").
 - Events to add to ACOS FB page:
 - Quest Nominations
 - Gifted Education Day
 - Connections Symposium
 - Discussed other content to include on page as well as general outreach strategy.
- Promoting ACOS
 - Will check with the District about posting information about ACOS on the SKSD Facebook page.
 - Discussed making up business cards to hand out at parent/teacher conferences, as well as printing up flyers with contact information tear-offs to post around town.
 - Talked about printing up and distributing simple, black and white brochures containing information about ACOS.
- SKSD Gifted Ed Programs Compare Favorably to Programs in Other Areas
 - Funding for gifted education is mandated in WA as part of general education.
 - SKSD is supportive of the Quest program.

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- SKSD's Quest elementary program is an entire day per grade level and has it's own classroom which is well equipped with computer notebooks.
- Discussed Upcoming Events
 - Gifted Education Day (Waetag) date has changed from January 27th to January 23rd.
 - Email will be sent to let parent community know about the Connections Symposium on February 4th.
 - Events will be posted (along with Quest nominations) on the Facebook page.
- Discussed Formal Announcement/Kick-off Event for ACOS

Actions During Meeting:

- ACOS link added to the Quest page of the district website.

Future Actions Agreed Upon:

- Check with the SKSD Facebook page to see about ACOS posting status updates on their page.
- Coordinate getting the Brain Power Bins finished.
- Complete and publish the ACOS Facebook page.

Next meeting:

February 8th, 9:45 am, in the Quest portable of Hidden Creek Elementary School.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:50 am.

Notes recorded by Janet.