

Parent Group

Meeting Notes: October 19th, 2011

Meeting began at approximately 9:45 am on October 19th, 2011, in the Quest portable at Hidden Creek Elementary School.

Present:

Maureen, Trina, Joanne, Tracy, MaryAnn, Janet

Topics:

- Activity Bins
 - Maureen described the activity bins. There will be two bin levels: Primary (2nd/3rd grade), and Intermediate (4th – 6th grades).
 - Once assembled, activity bins will likely be located in the schools' resource rooms or within individual classrooms.
 - Discussed the potential problems involved with including answer keys with bin activities, to include where they would be stored (not with the teacher), and what would be involved in physically creating them. The observation was made that answer keys might be necessary for certain activities such as logic puzzles. Will need further discussion to make a final determination about including activities that require answer keys.
 - Need master copies of activities for bins.
 - Trina and Joanne volunteered to make copies (next Tuesday).
 - Tracy suggests the name "Mind Stretchers" for the activity bins.
 - Put together a list of resources for the bins.

- Group Suggestions for Advertising the Parent Group and Quest Testing
 - Have a brochure available in school offices
 - Make a website for Parent Group with information about Quest included.
 - Make a Facebook page.
 - Place a link on the South Kitsap School District website.
 - Send flyers home with students.
 - Have Dave LaRose record a robo-call message to alert parents about upcoming Quest testing (Maureen would write script).

Actions During Meeting:

- Group marked with sticky notes pages in various math, language, logic puzzle books as suggestions for inclusion in the Activity Bins.

Future Actions Agreed Upon:

- Need to create a mission statement for the group.
- Trina and Joanne will make copies of selected activities (next Tuesday) for the Activity Bins.
- Janet agrees to make web page for the group.
- Janet agrees to be secretary for the group.

Meeting Notes: October 19th, 2011 (continued)

Next meeting:

November 16th, 9:45 am, in the Quest portable of Hidden Creek Elementary School.

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 11:00 am.

Notes recorded by Janet.

Meeting Follow-up Activity (Email):

- Maureen will check with the district about permission to set up a Facebook page that would be connected or linked to the South Kitsap School District page.
- Maureen will check with the district about information being distributed regarding the “Child Study” and other available avenues for help. (The where to go and who to call issue).
- Group members should find some great websites that would be resources for parents or activity pages for challenging kids and send those links to the group so we can put together a master list to place at the front of the bins to be given out as well.
- Group should come up with a name; something that does not include the words “gifted” or “talented” as those words are usually associated with identified students. Ideas should be emailed to others in the group as they are thought up.
 - Group names suggested:
 - Maureen: “Parents for Challenging our Children” and “Parents Advocating to Challenge their Children.”
 - Tracy: “Parents Advocating to Challenge our Children” or “Parents Advocating Academic Challenge in our Schools” (PAACS) and Academic Challenge in Our Schools (ACOS).
 - Janet: Parents Advocating the Challenge of Extra Sharp Students Academically (PACESSA), Parents Advocating for Academic Challenge (PAAC), Bring Educational Challenge to Our Students (BECOS), Parents Advocating for Academic Challenge in Our Schools (PAACOS), and Parents Advocating - Challenge Our Students (PA-COS)
 - Trina: Parents for Academic Challenge (PAC), Challenge Our Students (C.O.S)
- Tracy wrote up a letter introducing the term “Mind Extensions” to accompany the sheets in the bins. Maureen and Trina will finalize a version of the letter and get it approved by the District.