ABC Board Meeting
December 12, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Kierra Mann at 6:06 PM. The meeting occurred at the Quest Quad.

Attendance
Nancy Velazquez, Chris Beck, Mary Amery, Jay Reifel, Kierra Mann, Marcia Holland, Christine Holland, Janelle Burger, David Berg, and Tammy Inselman

Attachments and Handouts
1. December 12, 2006 Agenda
2. Minutes from the November 14, 2006 ABC Board Meeting (minutes were approved)
3. Washington Highly Capable Membership Campaign Information Sheet
4. Parents Have Big Role in Getting Legislative Funding for Gifted Education handout provided by Marcia Holland; Legislative Chair
5. Gifted Education Day in Washington flyer
6. Financial statement

Legislative
Marcia Holland was present and provided the following information:

1. On February 3, 2007 Nancy Robinson will present at the University of Washington regarding how to parent gifted elementary students and keep them connected. Included in the presentation will be a panel of school representatives from around the state to report what they are doing to meet the needs of gifted students in their school districts.
2. Gifted Education Day is on February 9, 2007 in Olympia, WA. **There was a motion presented to set aside $600 to pay for a field trip experience for the children in the self contained classrooms. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Jennelle Burger will email the teachers to inquire about their interest in attending this event.** Marcia Holland explained that this is the year to advocate because we have the attention of the legislators. This experience would provide the students with a great learning opportunity and will need to be tied to current curriculum.
3. Marcia Holland reported that there has been a breakthrough in funding for gifted students. There is currently 2% FTE's allocated and the proposal is for that to increase to 3% FTE's. This year 6.9 million was earmarked for gifted programs around the state and next year the proposal is 11.4%. Marcia encouraged our group to contact fourteen identified legislators to advocate for the gifted programs. Marcia offered to help educate parents on how to navigate and advocate in the political arena.

A discussion was held regarding prepping parents to speak on February 9, 2007 in Olympia for Gifted Education Day. David Berg indicated that he would be willing to go

to Olympia. We discussed the need for this information to be in the Newsletter. Christine Holland volunteered to write a column requesting more parent volunteers.

Treasurer
Hinah was not present at this meeting. The Read-a-thon is completed and totals have not yet been received.

Vice President Report
The Gingerbread House Night is set to occur on December 14, 2006 at Zeiger Elementary. Kierra Mann reports that she has volunteers to assist with this event.

The Pool Party is scheduled for 1/27/07 from 2-4 PM at Rogers High School. The flyers for this event are completed.

Auction Report

1. We still need volunteers; a recommendation was made to have flyers available at the Gingerbread House night to ask for volunteers for this event.
2. We need to identify a theme for this year's auction.
3. We need to decide about ticket sales and dinner.
4. Letters requesting items for the auction are set to go out in January 2007. Last year we had 143 items donated and this year the goal is to get 175 items. Follow up calls need to occur in January 2007.
5. There is a possibility of having an "auctioneer" who will not charge for this event. He is good and is a crowd motivator. Mike Slevin is the contact person.
6. The flyers for the auction come out of the ABC fund.
7. Meetings are set to occur the 3rd Thursday of the month beginning at 6:30 PM at the Starbucks located next to the old Safeway on Meridian.
8. Carmen Bryant is looking at getting a storage unit donated so that the items do not pile up in the Quest Quad Building.
9. We need to implement more than one drop off. Chris suggested that the Quest Quad and Jennifer Beck's classroom be possibilities for drop offs.

The First Meeting is on January 18, 2007 at 6:30pm at Starbucks

Coordinator Report
Nancy brought Jay Reifel to speak to the Board. **Jay congratulated Nancy on her advocacy efforts for the gifted program in Puyallup and indicated that she was instrumental in the proposal.**

The School Board met last night (12/13/06) and they focused on the Junior High Highly Capable Programs and the AP (advanced placement) programs offered in Senior High. The junior high program has offered honors classes in the past but this has not always met the needs of highly capable students. Puyallup high schools have offered AP classes but students do not take full advantage of this program and have difficulty passing the tests.

A Highly Capable Junior High Program was presented to the Board last night. The proposal included the following:
1. Kalles Junior High would be the site.
2. The first year 30 students would be selected. This is a competitive program and Quest pull out kids will not automatically get into this program.
3. The second year an additional 30 students would be selected making the program with 60 students.
4. The third year would select an additional 30 student totaling 180 students in the Junior High Program.
5. The budget has not been passed to support this program but Jay is hopeful.
6. Testing will occur at Kalles Junior High and their staff will assist with the testing.

There is an informational meeting on January 11th to explain the program to parents. Children (6th graders) who are in the Quest Program will automatically be mailed applications for the highly capable program.

Jay indicated that transportation is a budget problem for this program. The district wants to start the program anyway without approval from transportation.

Honors programs will continue to be offered throughout the district in the junior highs. Students will be able to self select into these classes.

Nancy Velazquez asked ABC to provide treats and drinks for the Quest Contacts Meeting on 12/13/06. **The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.**

First grade testing begins in January 2007. 150 first graders will be tested and 50 will be allowed into the Quest Program.

Website
David Berg explained that we need to renew our domain name. The new website for Quest is up and running and is getting hits.

David mentioned that Amazon.com may have some fundraiser opportunities and he is looking into the situation.

Membership
No information

School Board
Christine Holland was not able to attend but Hinah Parker did. She was not present at this meeting to debrief.

New Business
ABC needs to carry an insurance policy. Christine Holland questioned why we could not the Quest PTA and be able to utilize that insurance policy program. Christine will check with Marcia Holland to see if that will impact ABC. We did not have enough

information to make a decision about the insurance policy but all agreed that if it needed to be paid prior to the next meeting then it should be paid.

The Read-a-thon is over but the proceeds have not been tallied.

The next meeting is on January 9, 2007 at 6pm