

**Minutes from McNear GATE/Rapid Learner Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, November 20, 2008, 4:30 p.m.**

- 1) 4:30 meeting began
- 2) Present: Susan Rodkin, Kathy Bockhold, Greg Colvin, Sue Davy. Absent: Lyn VanTighem, Seana Gause, Nicole Marzo, Amy Turko.
- 3) Reviewed and approved minutes from 10/16 meeting. Lyn will email them to Dana for posting on the website.
- 4) Report on open meeting, 10/30, McNear GATE Parent Advisory group. Absent parents should get the agenda and article distributed, for their info. The chart describing high achievers, gifted learners, and creative thinkers should go in the newsletter. Interested parents could be invited to join our committee.
- 5) There was a discussion about GATE and rapid learner curriculum developments at McNear, including Renaissance Reader and Math. We went thru each grade level at McNear and the upper level teachers, to hear what the progress was in each classroom. There is some literature circle peer group clustering of GATE and rapid learners occurring, with parent involvement.
- 6) Any suggestions for a GATE identification protocol should be drafted by January, before the RAVEN test is administered. Greg is working on this. Question was raised whether 3rd grade teachers should be the ones notifying parents of GATE eligibility based on RAVEN test.
- 7) 6:00 meeting adjourned