

**Minutes from McNear GATE/Rapid Learner Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 19, 2009, 7:00 p.m.**

- 1) Present: Susan Rodkin, Greg Colvin, Lyn VanTighem
- 2) Reviewed and approved minutes from 1/15 meeting.
- 3) About 43 GATE applications were received, compared to last year's level of 25-30. This included 15 applications for 4th – 6th graders. Results for these should be determined in May and used for class assignments for the fall -- parents of these applicants will receive letters. Results for 3rd graders will be determined during the summer.
- 4) Current opportunities for GATE/RL clustering: literature circles in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades, Accelerated Reader, Accelerated Math, Passion Projects (Bockhold). A total of 9 teachers have implemented AR and AM to some degree – all upper grades, all straight 3rd grades, one 2nd grade, one 1st grade. Susan will check on peer group clustering in Science and Social Studies. McNear admin will identify one teacher to take on Renaissance Admin role for next year.
- 5) GATE training in August – at least one staff from McNear will attend. Grant sent four teachers to CAG in San Diego in Feb. They came back very energized. Used PTA funds. Don't know if stipend was included.

8:00 meeting adjourned