

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

- 1) Present: Susan Rodkin, Greg Colvin, Nicole Marzo, Lyn Van Tighem
- 2) Reviewed and approved minutes from 3/15 meeting.
- 3) The District GATE Committee completed the scoring today of the new GATE applicants for current 4th through 6th graders. Their recommendations are on Eileen Rohan's desk. Parents should be notified via mail before the end of the school year whether or not their students have been GATE identified. Parents of 3rd graders will be notified in August.
- 4) Next year the district is directing all schools to cluster GATE and high achieving students together -- not necessarily all in one class, but at least a clustering of 4 or 5 in each class, as the numbers permit. McNear will also cluster GATE and high achieving students together in the Science and Social Studies block groupings.
- 5) Upper grade teachers are very pleased and enthusiastic about AR and AM. Lower grade teachers plan to have initial orientation to AR/AM before the school year ends (which they have done this spring) and plan to implement, as students are ready, during the next school year. AR and AM are available online for all McNear students currently in grades 1 - 6. To access, go to <http://mcnearelementary.pbworks.com> and click on the Renaissance Learning link.
- 6) Currently there are three McNear teachers enrolled in the August GATE training (Joyner, Heaslet, and Turko).

7:55 p.m. meeting adjourned