



MINUTES – EBO meeting #7

April 10, 2008, 2pm

Attending: Pam Benos, Samantha Marrs, Jean Zimmerman, Debbie Ramos, Kume Goranson

MINUTES: March minutes were approved unchanged.

BUDGET: There is approximately \$1500 available in the account. The teachers have requested printers, but the EBO will consult with Mr. Siddiqi to learn what his plans are for purchasing technology for the CBG classrooms. We will hold a voluntary fundraiser at the beginning of the school year, and we will offer start-up funding to the 8 CBG teachers. At this time, we have funding to provide each teacher with initial expense money at either \$100 or \$150 per teacher.

ROBIOUS CBG UPDATE: Mrs. Zimmerman announced that the school has decided to offer school-based gifted children the opportunity to be part of the Venturer team. This will achieve several goals – one being that the school wants to have 4 full-time teachers per grade level qualified and available to teach CBG. The number of CBG children entering the 6th grade does not warrant 4 FTEs, so this proposition allows Robious to retain the next CBG teachers it can identify. Additionally, the school-based gifted children missed certified CBG qualification by only one (of seven) components and will all be re-tested at the end of the 6th grade year. The school and center based gifted students in 6th grade will share ASE periods, but otherwise will be taught as a section. All Venturer students will be part of the team.

Robious has hired a new 6th grade math teacher and a 7th grade language arts teacher (from Manchester). The team is very excited about both of these hires.

ACTIVITIES: Due to time constraints, discussion was brief concerning the organization of the following EBO-sponsored activities: a proposed Buddy System, the End-of-Year party scheduled for June 3, a REBO Putt-Putt fundraiser to introduce new students to each other, the August Orientation (all EBO event). Pam will email the entire parent directory to seek volunteers. Letters will be prepared for new families and current families. These letter will explain the role of the EBO and upcoming activities.

Next meeting May 8, 2pm.