

TGIF Parent Rep. Meeting Minutes – 04/14/08

Present: Mary Ellen Huey, Joline Ellenberg, Tomasa Macapiniac, Prakash Narayan, Elisa Ordon, Saritha Purnikmath, and Parent reps., from different schools.

GATE Olympics: Prakash Narayan – Friday, May 23rd TGIF is hosting the **GATE Olympics**. This is a fun family event. The event is held at **Washington High School** from 7 – 8:30 P.M. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Prakash at <http://tgifremont.org>. (High school students can get service hours for volunteering.)

May 5th, Monday TGIF is hosting the last event of the year at **Mission San Jose High School in C-120 from 7:00 – 8:30 P.M.** In this event there will **board elections, the GATE Showcase, and the volunteer appreciation ceremony**. The student who won the **scholarship/grant** will be honored. Parents are invited to come and vote for 2008-09 TGIF board. If you are interested or know anybody who is interested can in joining the TGIF board, please come (and bring your friend). This will really help make a difference. If you are coming please RSVP, because the volunteer awards will be given. Please print the name you want to appear on the certificate.

Executive Board Positions: If you are interested or know some one who is interested in becoming TGIF board member please contact TGIF at contact@tgifremont.org. Parent Reps. can put about the openings in the news letter. Elementary school newsletter go once a week. This will help parents to know about the upcoming TGIF elections.

TGIF has a new name “**FREMONT GIFTED**”. Prakash is getting all the domain names fixed. It will be **.org**. For business purposes the board is still keeping TGIF.

Finance: TGIF has \$2624.55 left after paying all the mailing bills. This is enough to pay for the upcoming events.

Mary Ellen Huey: is retiring at the end of the school year in June. She went through **Section 6: Parent and Community Involvement**. Parent reps and board members made few changes. She wants more parents to become involved in TGIF activities. She talked about the speakers and new standards.

GATE testing will be given to all 3rd grade students from next year. No nominations required. It is up to the parents and students to be tested or not. This is done so the GATE program is equitable to all kids. No outside testing will be accepted. After a student is tested in 3rd grade, the students can still be identified from 5th grade onwards based on their performance, leadership, and creativity.

Meeting adjourned 8:00 P.M.