

## P.A.C.E. Meeting Notes – Jan. 9, 2012

- Introduction by Scott Prigan, president
- Dr. Harris gave an overview of some of the GT history in Columbus City Schools under her leadership. Cluster grouping and feeder patterns were mentioned and explained.
- Parent questions were submitted and discussed. The questions included:
  - o How do or will the budget cuts affect GT services?
  - o How many gifted students are leaving the district every year? How does this number compare to the total number of students leaving the district? Dr. Harris will look into this and communicate the stats to PACE.
  - o Parents asked about the ratio of coordinators versus specialists teaching at the schools.
  - o Why does our service plan focus on reading (as opposed to math)? It was mentioned that Mr. Bell focuses on literacy.
- We discussed high school options, such as AP, IB, PSEO, the Metro School, the senior to sophomore program. We found out that funding to cover AP testing fees had been made available for this school year.
- Dr. Harris recognizes the need to reevaluate our GT service plan. She invites parents to a task force for future planning. She mentioned the positive experience with the innovative schools task force. Interested people should inform a P.A.C.E. officer if they would like to participate. We do not have any details yet, but expect this to become a long-term effort.
- Dr. Harris encouraged people to email her with further questions at [superintendent@columbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:superintendent@columbus.k12.oh.us).