



CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Instructional Services, Office of Student Support Services

GATE-DAC MEETING MINUTES

DATE Friday, April 12, 2019: 9:07 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Location: University Center MRP

CVUSD GATE DAC Purpose: Communicate & Advise (Advocacy)

*Quote: "No matter how chaotic it is wildflowers will still spring up in the middle of nowhere."
– Sheryl Crow*

ATTENDANCE: Stefanie Caswell, Subha Tholudur, Bijaya Eaton, Christine Wells, Collete Appel, Julia Blietz, Rachael Brusseau, Rebecca Chin, Jennifer Clerico, Melissa Crawford, Andi Keith, Violaine De Landes, Christine Dexter, Stephanie Light, Julie Nagamoto, Gizella Stanley, Teri Trudel.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by Chair Subha Tholudur.

A reminder was given to advocate for Stefanie's position by making public comments as DAC meetings and school board meetings.

II. OPENING CEREMONIES

- a. Introductions – succession of GATE-DAC representatives
- b. "Quote of the Day" – Stefanie Caswell

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Gisella Stanley to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Julia Blietz. The vote was unanimous to adopt the agenda as presented.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS (limited to 3 minutes per speaker)

There were no public comments.

VI. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Julie Nagamoto moved and Gisella Stanley seconded a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The vote to approve the minutes was unanimous.

VII. REPORTS

- a. Student Support Services Team

Stefanie Caswell: Shauna and Stefanie have been working on GATE testing. They looked at each test. 126 students are participating in additional GATE testing: 63 verbal follow-up assessments, 47 nonverbal follow-up assessments and 16 make-up assessments to



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administer across the district. Scores are in the mail. Stefanie wants to finish by May 10 so that the GATE-identified students can be clustered. Clustering may not be happening now, but it will be soon. Cluster sizes have not been defined. Stefanie is working with school administrators about this. The district GATE committee will be evaluating students' eligibility numbers per grade at each campus to determine GATE cluster groups at each grade/school site. These numbers will be communicated with administrators to include in class placements for the next school year. Please see the district website for more information.

As for next year, GATE testing will be done earlier in the school year.

There were guest speakers at Sequoia.

There are still spaces open in Invention Convention.

Teen Tech is going well. It will be held during the day at the Teen Center.

b. DAC

Board meetings can be watched online.

There are lots of committees seeking members.

The all-district music festival is coming up soon.

Cash for Conejo Schools grants were distributed.

There was a discussion of how to have money written into the SIPSA budget.

c. SEDAC

Lou Lichtl presented a review of the LCAP. There was a presentation on LRE (least restrictive environment).

d. School Site Reports

Bijaya reported on a teacher-lead activity that went well. Bijaya will be leading an event on May 1 about decoding words from other languages.

There will be a maker fair at Moorpark College on April 16.

e. Local / State Update

Nothing.

f. Support Organization Report (CAG, TCGC)

Stefanie is working on emails that will be sent GATE-DAC representatives, and she will see if they can go to GATE parents as well.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

GATE survey: There was a discussion about to whom the survey should be sent and how we will hold ourselves accountable.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

a. Board nominations: Please contact a member of the nominating committee if you would like to run for a board position.

b. By-laws: This discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

c. Fun Fridays 2019-2020: Shawna and Stefanie will be taking over the scheduling and running of the Fun Friday events.



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X. SPEAKER

Mrs. Kirsten Walker “When to help, when to let them fail and when to get help” SEM at Acacia.

XI. NEXT MEETING

May 17, 2019 @ 9:00 a.m. at University Center MRP

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Wells, Secretary