

# GATE-DAC MEETING MINUTES

Friday, February 23, 2018: 9:10 a.m. - 11:07 a.m.

University Center 2801 Atlas Avenue, Thousand Oaks , CA 91360

**Quote: “There is no limit to intelligence...or to ignorance.” –Anonymous**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Dr. Juan Santos, Subha Tholudur, Bijaya Eaton, Bernard Kuai, Hilary Bhinder, Rebecca Chin, Nancy Crellin, Dale Dooley, Alysia Flamer, Darlene Lee, Julie Nagamoto, Li Yi, Amy Chen, Anita Hu, Teri Trudel, Kimberly Goodrich, Bill Gorback and Rachel Brusseau

## I. CALL TO ORDER

- o The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by chairperson Subha Tholudur.

## II. OPENING CEREMONIES

- o GATE-DAC individual Introductions.
- o Quote of the Day and its synopsis by Dr. Santos. Reading from *The Survival Guide for Parents of Gifted Kids*

## III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- o A motion was made by Bijaya Eaton to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Julie Nagamoto. The motion passed. The agenda was adopted with the following change.

The location of the next meeting should read Horizon Hills instead of University.

## IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- o Rebecca Chin discussed a recent visit to Thousand Oaks High School where she learned about The Center for Gifted at TOHS that includes research and AP Seminar with a capstone program. Felt it would be beneficial for parents to know what opportunities our local schools have for GATE students.

## V. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- o A motion was made by Alysia Flamer to approve the minutes for the January 2018 GATE-DAC meeting. Motion was second by Julie Nagamoto. Motion passed with one minor change as originally presented. The change was the word “use” in the quote needed to be changed to “us”.

## VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### o Dr. Santos

- o Third grade GATE tests completed. Results will be sent out around April or May. Make-up tests will be held in June around the week after school year ends.
- o Working with Alan Nelson to provide an eight weeks leadership pilot program for current fourth graders. The program may be expanded in the future to include other grade levels.
- o Plan to have a district GATE teacher on special assignment position available in the near future.
- o Will look into GATE pathway at high school level.
- o Invention Convention planning is underway.
- o Teen Tech Convention planning is underway.
- o Still keeping Silent Movie Convention idea as a possibility.

- o **DAC**

- o TED talks- March 31 at Thousand Oaks High School.
- o LCAP district goals were discussed.
- o 50 more grants will be awarded to teachers through Cash for Conejo Classrooms in the next few weeks.
- o Conejo Schools Foundation is hosting an event honoring local educators March 3rd. Starlight Soiree.
- o Eighth grade Summer Get Ahead- registration opens March 5.

- o **GATE DAC Events Reports**

- o Bijaya Eaton reported the Redwood sponsored feeder-schools game day was well received and 23 elementary students participated.
- o Hilary Bhinder reported the January Fun Friday was a success. Sixty-five students were in attendance.
- o Hilary shared that Christine Wells intends to plan an unofficial Family Meet-Up to the Moxi Museum.
- o Solve-It-Day will be in April. Elementary school on Thurs. Apr 19th and Middle School (breakout boxes) on Fri. Apr 20th.
- o March Fun Friday for elementary school will either be breakout boxes or trivia.

- o **School Site reports**

- o Subha discussed an MS Art Enrichment after school program that just began at Sycamore Canyon. It will be an 8 session program that runs over 4 months with sessions in print making, drawing, painting and ceramics. The instructor is a parent who is a professional artist.

- o **Local / State Update**

- o **CAG Conference Report**

- o Dr. Santos and Bijaya Eaton will be honored at the Tri-County GATE Council annual luncheon for their services and accomplishments for GATE students. Everyone is welcome to attend in Ventura on March 9th. The CAG conference Parent Day is March 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **VII. OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- o GATE-DAC representatives contact information will be sent to all CVUSD GATE parents.
- o Discussion about GATE functions at schools, what site council is and what the GATE DAC Reps role is at the Site Council and best practices for disseminating information were discussed.

## **VIII. New Business**

- o LCAP district goals
- 1) Implement targeted actions and services that support positive student outcomes (Student Focused)
  - 2) Ensure staff is provided with targeted professional development and has an understanding that all job responsibilities are structured to support positive student outcomes. (Internal Focused)
  - 3) Provide communication and targeted outreach that informs the community of programs and opportunities that support positive student outcomes. (Community Focused)

## **Adjournment**

- o Motion made by Teri Trudel to adjourn the meeting and second by Kimberly Goodrich. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m by Subha Tholudur, Chairperson.

**Next Meeting:** At Horizon Hill Center, 9 a.m., Friday, March 23, 2018.