

**GATE-DAC MEETING MINUTES**  
**Friday, January 19, 2018: 9:09 - 11:00 a.m.**  
**University Center**

CVUSD GATE DAC Purpose: Communicate and Advise (Advocacy)

*Quote: "That is what our children can offer us and we can offer them: a chance to learn from them, even as we try to teach them." – Robert Coles*

**ATTENDANCE:** Hilary Bhinder, Julia Blietz, Rebecca Chin, Nancy Crellin, Dale Dooley, Bijaya Eaton, Alysia Flamer, Bernard Kuai, Darlene Lee, Julie Nagamoto, Gisella Stanley, Subha Tholudur, Christine Wells, Li Yi, Kristine Lopez, Liz Kim, Amy Chen, Hilary David, Hyukseong Kwon and Dr. Juan Santos

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
  - The meeting was called to order at 9:09 a.m. by Chair Subha Tholudur.
- II. OPENING CEREMONIES**
  - Introductions
  - Quote of the day by Dr. Santos
- III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
  - A motion was made by Darleen Lee to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Gisella Stanley. The agenda was adopted as presented.
- IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
  - Rebecca Chin commented on the inaccuracies in her son's math homework key.
- VI. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - A motion was made by Julie Nagamoto to approve the minutes of the December, 2017 meeting as they were distributed. The motion was seconded by Gisella Stanley. The motion passed.
- VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - **Dr. Santos**
    - GATE testing is this week. Approximately 951 students will be tested, which is about 85% of the third grade students. The testing will be done in the computer labs on each campus. There will be a make-up date, with the exact date to be determined. There will be a few family meet ups. These are informational sessions where parents can get information and answers to their questions.
    - GATE meet ups were discussed. Dr. Santos suggested that we could develop our own database of contact information and try not to use the all-call system. Going forward, there are at least two options for organizing events like the one to the California Science Center. One option is to get a bus, but we cannot charge for a district event (we would need to offer scholarships). Alternatively, we could plan the event during a school day. Dr. Santos spoke of a field trip to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory that is being planned by a cluster of schools.
  - **DAC**
    - School choice ends on February 1, 2018.
    - Impact teen driving for parents and teen.
    - There are talks for parents regarding anxiety experienced by middle school students, as well as on technology.

- There will be a TED-X talk by Conejo Youth at Thousand Oaks High School. The students will be making presentations.
  - Teachers are encouraged to apply for Cash for Conejo Classrooms grants.
  - **GATE DAC Events Reports**
    - Bijaya will be leading an elementary and middle school event.
    - Next week is Fun Friday, and students will be building marshmallow bridges.
    - In December, the Fun Friday featured games.
    - Next month's speaker will be from THRIVE CONEJO, which supports inclusive education.
    - There was an extended discussion about clubs as a means to address GATE needs.
  - **School site reports**
    - Not discussed.
  - **Local / State Update**
    - Not discussed.
  - **CAG Conference Report**
    - Not discussed.
- VIII. OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- Not discussed.
- IX. NEW BUSINESS**
- Not discussed.
- X. NEXT MEETING**
- Friday, February 23, 2018 at 9 a.m. at University Center
- XI. ADJOURNMENT**
- Motion made by Julia Blietz to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Dale Dooley. The meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Wells, Secretary