

GATE District Advisory Committee Meeting
November 1, 2011
6:00-7:00 pm
District Office Annex Conference Room

Welcome/Introductions

Selection of Officers

Dave Sutton was selected as Committee Chairperson for 2011/2012 school year.

Isabel Stevens was selected as Committee Secretary for the 2011/2012 school year.

Planning for 2011/2012

- Administrative Breakfast this year included a presentation from a panel of students from Bolsa Grande High School. The teens were asked the following question:
“If you could tell your parents one thing, what would it be?”
Answers given included:
“Spend more time with us.”
“Support us in our triumphs and our downfalls.”
“Understand what we go through.”
“Be proud and believe in us.”
“Have deep talks with us. We think about what you said when we lay awake at night.”
“Go to things- know more about our world.”
“Talk to our teachers.”

Report from GATE Office

- Regional conference @ UCI sold out quickly. 14 Reps from GGUSD went and several presented at the conference.
- CAG Conference will be held March 2-4. Sunday, March 4 is Parent day. Handout was given with information.
- Social networking (Twitter and Facebook) is being used by OCC GATE. Tweets went out during the conference updating everyone on speakers and their presentations.
- Cutbacks continue – GATE Fine Art, GATE Instrumental, GATE Vocal.
- They are looking for instrument donations to support Instrumental music program.
- Parent Education nights this year will be one per GATE site. Community outreach nights will continue.
- K-6 Parent Portal is being worked on to facilitate communication between parents and teachers. Parents will be encouraged to sign up so teachers have all email addresses for email blasts.
- 9-12 Differentiation training is being done for teachers.

Training – Content Imperatives

Icons help kids go from abstract to concrete. This was researched through Dr. Kaplan at USC under a national grant. Content Imperatives include Origin, Convergence, Parallels, Contribution, and Paradox. Those in attendance were given an exercise using song lyrics to identify the content imperatives.

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All GATE icons are available for parents to download through links on GGUSD GATE webpage.

Other GATE News

- Changes made on GGUSD GATE webpage. Due to greater number of students we have seen moving out of state, there is now a link on the homepage to see what is happening in every state's GATE program.
- GATE Parent Survey will be on GATE webpage in the spring. Parents will be able to give a parent survey on the GATE program anonymously using an electronic survey directly on the GGUSD GATE webpage.

Announcements

Next DAC Meeting – January 10, 2012 @ 6pm

Spring Meeting – April 3, 2012 @ 6pm

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:05 pm.