

**Santa Barbara Secondary School Districts
Gifted and Talented Education**

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District Advisory Council Meeting

November 19, 2009

Minutes

(thanks for Janet Rowse for taking notes)

- Last meeting's minutes approved- no corrections
- Introductions
- Attendees:
 1. Kurt Bergthold
 2. Leo Borden
 3. Paul Campbell
 4. Joan Cotich
 5. Liz Downey
 6. Jill Feldman
 7. Lori Goodman
 8. Marilyn Goodman
 9. Carole Ingram
 10. Niloofar Kilpelainen
 11. Marisa Miller
 12. Katie Pelle
 13. Sandy Robertson
 14. Janet Rowse
 15. Patricia Ruth
 16. Dan Terry
 17. Gaofung Wei
 18. Bill Woodward
 19. ADD new DP parent: Elise Dale
- Categorical Program Monitoring (CPM)
 - This year a team will be coming to SB and may visit one or more schools. Sandy asked that each site coordinator provide to her:
 - evidence and visitation to support that we are doing what we tell the state we are doing in our GATE Plan

- syllabi from all GATE/AP teachers - a few still missing from SB, GV, SBJH
 - site meeting minutes that provide evidence of department meetings that show benchmarks, assessments, differentiation, etc.
 - minutes needed from end of 1st semester and beginning of 2nd semester meetings
 - DAC minutes
- Tri County GATE Meeting Report by Sandy
 - Check out their website
 - Newsletter
 - Grants deadline Dec. 2
 - Secondary Investigation flyer or work?
 - Handbook on Ch. 7 on motivation is excellent
 - sponsor some PD at SBJHS for help teachers and parents on how to help under-performing GATE students
 - Jan. 13 Barbara Clark will discuss current brain research at the regular meeting in Ventura
 - Check out sbhome.org - fix link
 - Read the handout: "Teaching with interactive white boards" by Marzano
- Fundraising Report - Beth Berlese was absent so Sandy reported
 - From B2SN until now we have raised \$48,178.51
 - Very happy about this
 - School by school funding is available on the GATE website
 - We have verifiable data from 2007-2009, since we have had Annette Makwana
 - Finance Committee
 - New subcommittee to set/create guidelines to ensure equitable distribution of Above and Beyond Money (A and B)
 - We have been utilizing a first come first served protocol and the committee will look into this
 - Volunteers were collected, all parents: Liz Downey, Niloofar Kilpelainen, Marilyn Goodman, Lori Goodman, Beth Berlese (added in absentia)
- A motion was passed to skip down in the agenda because Joan Cotich needed to leave early.
 - Joan brought forward the SMHS requests
 - \$1284.65 A and B request approved for a ceiling mount, remote control, cart, etc. for 2 science teachers
- Evaluation Report by Marisa and Jill
 - Respondents were up from the first year of our district wide online survey
 - Trends are consistent
 - Results were positive, and consistent with previous years' results
 - Results are not statistically valid for teacher results, because they were not enough respondents, but again, the info the information is valuable and consistent with the last 22 years of evaluations.
 - Parent and student responses were very high

- The number of teachers responding was very low
 - speculation as to why?
 - time of year
 - need a reminder, paper or email
 - low morale due to budget cuts and layoff notices
 - The evaluation will be posted to the GATE and district websites and to Robin Sawaske
- Professional Development (PD)
 - There will be funding for GATE/AP PD this summer
- No Newsletter Report - Chris was absent
- Sandy will be sending test emails to confirm the system as some attendees did not receive all of her messages
- Funding Requests
 - Approved a French teacher's request from DP out of A and B money
 - Brianna Adams had a request that we did not approve as it was for a white board and at the time we did not know how much money we'd have
 - Davis Hayden has written a grant to fund white boards
 - Do we want to set a priority for use of funds?
- It was after 5:00 when we finished so the site reports were postponed until the next meeting in January.