

Santa Barbara Secondary Schools
GATE District Advisory Council
January 21, 2010
Final Minutes

ATTENDEES:

Sandy Robertson, District GATE Coordinator; Wendy Geis-Rockwood, DAC Secretary; Paul Campbell, Goleta Valley Junior High Site Coordinator; Kurt Bergthold, La Colina Site Coordinator; William Woodard DPHS Site Coordinator; Patricia Ruth; Santa Barbara High Site Coordinator; Joan Cotich, San Marcos High Site Coordinator; Janet Rowse, Santa Barbara High Delegate; Jill Feldman, Santa Barbara High School Delegate; Beth Berlese, Dos Pueblos Delegate, Liz Downey, La Colina Delegate; Dan Terry DPHS delegate; Beth Berlese, DPHS Delegate; Hank Pitcher, La Colina Junior High Delegate; Chris Speer, Newsletter Editor; Ruth Franklin, La Cumbre Parent; Lori Goodman, Goleta Valley Junior High parent; Marilyn Goodman, Goleta Valley Junior High Parent; Marilyn Garza, SBJH Site Co-Coordinator; Katie Pelle, La Cumbre Junior High Site Coordinator; Elise Dale, Dos Pueblos High School Parent; Marisa Miller, Community Representative; Susan Zink, San Marcos High School Delegate.

Welcome and Introductions

December minutes reviewed and accepted as amended.

Dates Reviewed for the upcoming DAC Calendar.

New schedule is February 18, March 11, April 15 and May 27.

Barbara Clark “Research on the Brain and Giftedness”

There was discussion of the presentation by Barbara Clark at Tri-County Gate in January on the new research coming out on the brain and its relationship to learning. Teachers were excited by the information and are hoping for more workshops on the practical applications of this new data.

Westmont Leadership Conference

Policies for the upcoming Westmont Leadership program were discussed and potential ways to share scholarships. Four slots are saved per junior high school and at least one parent or teacher is needed to chaperone. There is \$150 scholarship per school.

Fundraising

Fundraising efforts have yielded approximately \$58,277 so far this year. The phone-a-thon will be held March 15, 16 and 17. Paperwork issues were covered. Site coordinators are encouraged to spread your volunteers out during all periods so we have good coverage.

Promptness is very important to make training of volunteers efficient. In terms of using funding, it has been revealed in research the biggest impact from funds comes from applying it to teacher training. This has led to the fundraising committee to make recommendations that prioritise GATE funds be first for teacher training and secondly for technology.

The idea of linking training to SmartBoard purchase was discussed. These ideas are still in process and require more discussion of how or if to implement such a policy. Other ideas are ways to provide incentives to teachers to attend training, such as providing a nice lunch.

There is more support from the District on this issue of teacher training and the occasional need for substitutes for teachers. There is need for continued discussion of these issues and communication directly with teachers on their ideas.

The issues discussed here in terms of funding are only referencing above and beyond funding, not direct funds to each school.

Newsletter

February 1 is the next deadline. Goleta Valley Junior High and San Marcos High School will be featured. May 1 is the deadline for the spring newsletter.

Funding Requests

A whiteboard request was put off pending policy decisions about whiteboards.

The Santa Barbara High AP environmental teacher Jose Caballero was granted \$1099 to purchase equipment needed for the program.

Santa Barbara Junior High

SBJH is featured in this months GATE newsletter.

Next Meeting:

Santa Barbara High School
Theatre
Thursday, February 18, 2009
3:30-4:00