

Santa Barbara Secondary Schools
GATE District Advisory Council
October 15, 2009
Minutes

ATTENDEES:

Sandy Robertson, District GATE Coordinator; Wendy Geis-Rockwood, DAC Secretary; Niloofar Kilpelainen, Parliamentarian; 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; Beth Berlese, Dos Pueblos Delegate and Fundraising Chair, Liz Downey, La Colina Delegate; Rebecca Armstrong, SBJH Delegate ; Dan Terry DPHS Delegate; Chris Speer, Newsletter Editor; Carole Ingraham; La Cumbre Delegate; Kate Pelle, La Cumbre Site Coordinator; Marilyn Gaza, Santa Barbara Junior High Site Coordinator; Marisa Miller, Community Representative; Jill Feldman, Santa Barbara High School Delegate; Teresa Koontz, Santa Barbara Elementary School District GATE Coordinator.

Welcome and Introductions

Fundraising and the Budget

The plans for this year's fundraising were discussed. Beth Berlese presented a letter she had crafted to identify the needs and ask for funds. The goal is 100% participation. The amount of a "recommended" contribution was debated. Of course all contributions are welcome. It was decided to leave it to her discretion and the advice of her committee to fine tune the letter.

It was also recommended that teachers encourage participation by giving extra credit to students for bringing verification they delivered the letter.

Email List

There will be a flyer with new instructions on how parents can sign up for the GATE news, to be distributed through classes along with the fundraising letter request.

Parliamentarian Report

Niloofar went over the present Site Delegates and details regarding the finalization of the list.

Newsletter Update

Articles are needed by November 1 from Dos Pueblos and La Cumbre. Thanks to Liz Downey for preliminary translation of DAC documents that can then be fine tuned by the district translator.

Tri-County Gate

Membership in CAG (California Association for Gifted) is being encouraged. Right now there is a special of 15 months for the usual 12 month price of \$75. This organization is our advocacy organization for GATE on the state level.

There are seven scholarships available of \$750 each for the March 5-7 State Conference. This year substitutes may be made available for teachers to attend training. The district wants to move toward all teachers gaining differentiation skills so that they may provide different challenge levels in all classrooms. Just Communities, Equity in Education organization are going to assist in ways of working with underrepresented populations. The longer school day may be a part of this focus.

Tri-County also sponsors the Westmont Leadership Conference May 14-16. There are grants available for application for students, parents and teachers, more information will be coming in future meetings.

Evaluation Survey

Due to lack of time discussion of the Evaluation Survey was moved to a future meeting.

Site Plans

Site plans were covered and the budgets for each school presented. Clarification was made that only classes with GATE or AP in the title are to be included in the GATE formulas.

Next Meeting:

Santa Barbara Junior High

Globe Theatre

Thursday, November 19, 2009

3:30-5:00