

Santa Barbara Secondary Schools
GATE District Advisory Council
September 23, 2009
Final 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, Liz Downey, La Colina Delegate; Rebecca Armstrong, SBJH Delegate; Dan Terry DPHS delegate; Chris Speer, Newsletter Editor; Ruth Franklin, La Cumbre Parent; Lori Goodman, Goleta Valley Junior High parent; Marilyn Goodman, Goleta Valley Junior High Parent; Leo Borden, SBJH Site Coordinator.

Welcome and Introductions

Sandy Robertson announced her retirement as a classroom teacher. We are fortunate that she will continue as GATE administrator for a couple of years as she transitions into retirement. She will be missed in the classroom!!! Congratulations to her on a distinguished career teaching and inspiring so many students.

Niloofar explained delegates and members roles.

Tri-County Gate Report

The CAG State conference is upcoming March 5-7, 2010 in Sacramento, CA. The theme is “One Unified Voice, Higher Standards for All.” See the CAG website for more information.

There are also plans in the works to do a mini CAG conference locally, possibly in Santa Barbara.

Applications are open for Student and Teacher Grants from Tri County Gate.

Budget Report

Beth Berlese, Fundraising Chair went over plans for fundraising this year. Letter will go out in the first week of October. A “tower of funds raised,” or a “thermometer graphic” will be added to the GATE website and the goal will be “100% participation”. All Back to School Nights included a fundraising pitch and it was noted that parents making the

pitch may be a more successful tact than it coming from the Site Coordinator. Checks have been coming in.

There was discussion of involving Student Representatives at lunchtime GATE meetings.

Sandy Robertson read a proposed letter to be posted on the website to explain the funding situation and feedback was given.

Mike Zoradi is working on a new email system. Volunteers are needed for a fundraising committee to work on the new plans to support the program. Any ideas are welcome by email to Sandy and Beth.

Newsletter

Deadline is November 1. The first issue will feature La Cumbre, DP and Santa Barbara High.

Site Plans

Updated syllabi are needed from all classes in the program. It is necessary to use Site Plan Form.

There was discussion of the funding plan, once the numbers are in it will come back to the table for discussion.

It was stated that future funding would not be encouraged for one student to go on a field trip. Some requests for technology were fielded and postponed at this time until all site plans are submitted.

The need for time cards was discussed and coordinators are encouraged to fill out their hours simply and globally to give record of their efforts.

Santa Barbara Junior High

SBJH is featured in the current GATE newsletter.

Next Meeting:

Santa Barbara Junior High

Globe Theatre

Thursday, October 15, 2009

3:30-5:00