



**CONEJO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Instructional Services, Office of Student Support Services**

**GATE-DAC MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE Friday, December 14, 2018: 9:06 a.m.-11:15 a.m.**

**Location: Horizon Hills MPR**

CVUSD GATE DAC Purpose: Communicate & Advise (Advocacy)

*Quote: "Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child, and one teacher can change the world." – Malala Yousafzai*

**ATTENDANCE:** Shauna Ashmore, Stefanie Caswell, Subha Tholudur, Bijaya Eaton, Christine Wells, Hilary Bhinder, Tammy Adams, Colette Appel, Rachael Brusseau, Rebecca Chin, Jennifer Clerico, Melissa Crawford, Violaine De Landes, Christy Dexter, Julie Nagamoto, Gisella Stanley, Teri Trudel, Stephanie Vollowitz Light, Amy Vukevitz, Hilary Wolcott.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by Chair Subha Tholudur.

**II. OPENING CEREMONIES**

- a. Introductions
- b. "Quote of the Day" – Shauna Ashmore

**III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

A motion was made by Gisella Stanley to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Teri Trudel. The vote was unanimous to adopt the agenda as presented.

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS (limited to 3 minutes per speaker)**

There were no public comments.

**VI. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Julie Nagamoto moved and Melissa Crawford seconded a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The vote to approve the minutes was unanimous.

**VII. DISCUSSION OF PLANS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR**

Students will continue get more GATE experiences during classroom time. Terri Trudel wants counselors for GATE students to address social/emotional needs, as well as parent support groups. Bijaya Eaton wants career speakers, perhaps as an elective; students don't want to get such information after school. Some want Odyssey of the Mind meetings to happen during the school day. Shauna Ashmore said that these ideas will go to the instructional team. Year-long



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electives are not in the career wheel. Stefanie Caswell commented that for those in band can't do career wheel. Terri Trudel wanted to know why some teachers aren't eager to have "core" time.

There was a discussion about field trips. Some want the field trips to happen during the school day. Subha Tholudur mentioned that more things tend to happen when teachers spearhead the effort, such as a field trip to JPL. Subha also suggested that someone from JPL could come to Conejo Valley, rather than the students taking a field trip to JPL.

**VIII. REPORTS (see attached)**

a. Shauna Ashmore

Shauna is attending more events on various campuses. At the last Fun Friday, 60 students signed up, but only about 40 showed up. Despite that, it was a great event. There was a discussion about access to events for twice exceptional students. Shauna has been visiting elementary schools that have "target" time or "core" time. Lots of schools are bringing in academic specialists. With respect to professional development, Mrs. Ashmore spoke with Jane Wagmeister at VCOE's curriculum and instruction office. A GATE training was offered at the County facility; however, we are working to determine if they may be able to provide one here in CVUSD.

Stefanie Caswell discussed and showed a website that is being developed by a team of TOSAs. A survey is going out in January. There are five TOSAs; the professional development TOSA is part time. Teachers must get 12 hours of professional development per school year.

Bijaya Eaton asked how many GATE parent meetings are required per year. The answer was one. Shauna Ashmore said that Odyssey of the Mind is often included in GATE parent meetings.

Stefanie Caswell showed and discussed what is on the Google Drive.

b. DAC

The school board is working to create five trustee areas because of a law suit. There may be a change in the way people are elected to the Board of Education. There is lots of information on the district website.

The Conejo Council PTA heart screening event has been rescheduled to Saturday, February 2; it is free for students.

Break Through talks will resume on January 7.

The Thousand Oaks library has a great 3-D printing event that can be brought into the classroom. One computer per student is needed.

Safety as the voting issues was discussed.

Cash for Conejo Classrooms is accepting grants from teachers. Grants are worth \$250.

c. SEDAC

Rachel Brusseau gave the SEDAC report. There was a meeting at which break-out groups discussed IEPs from different perspectives (e.g., parent, teacher, etc.). Inclusive schools week was also discussed.



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d. School Site Reports

Stephanie Vollowitz discussed an event at which students played Werewolf, which is a game of deduction.

Hilary Wolcott from Lang Ranch said that teacher training sessions were coming up.

Christine Wells mentioned that members from the Robotics Club at ACE High School in Camarillo would be giving a demonstration at EARTHs as part of the ongoing lunch time speaker series.

There was a brief discussion of the Hour of Code movement.

e. Local / State Update

None

f. Support Organization Report (CAG, TCGC)

The CAG conference is in Palm Springs this year in February.

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

LCAP presentation.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**XI. NEXT MEETING**

January 18, 2019 @ 9:00 a.m. at University Center

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Wells, Secretary