



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

**GATE-DAC MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE Friday, February 8, 2019: 9:07 a.m.-11:00 a.m.**

**Location: Sequoia Middle School MRP**

CVUSD GATE DAC Purpose: Communicate & Advise (Advocacy)

*Quote: "Success is the result of perfection, hard work, learning from failure, loyalty and persistence." – Colin Powell*

**ATTENDANCE:** Shauna Ashmore, Stefanie Caswell, Subha Tholudur, Bijaya Eaton, Christine Wells, Julia Blietz, Rachael Brusseau, Amy Chen, Rebecca Chin, Jennifer Clerico, Melissa Crawford, Violaine De Landes, Hun Kaplowitz, Andi Keith, Bernard Kuai, Julie Nagamoto, Shannon Prachyl, Gisella Stanley, Teri Trudel, Hilary Wolcott.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 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 Julie Nagamoto to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Shannon Prachyl. 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 Teri Trudel seconded a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The vote to approve the minutes was unanimous.

**VII. REPORTS**

- a. Student Support Services Team  
Student Support Services will be presenting on GATE at an upcoming Board meeting.  
Jessie Green from the County Office of Education will come to one of the larger locations.  
Shauna had a great visit at Acacia. She saw the fifth-grade rotations in math.  
Project M3: Mentoring Math Minds



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Stefanie has been meeting with GATE facilitators, who are sharing what they are doing. The GATE facilitators met last month. Stefanie said that many campuses set their plans for GATE activities the summer before that year. She suggested that GATE parent representatives speak with GATE facilitators prior to summer break to present their ideas for new GATE activities.

Upcoming Fun Friday will be an introduction to block chain for ninth- through twelfth-grade students.

Invention Convention will be on Thursday, April 25 at University Center.

Teen Tech Convention will be held at the Teen Center in May. We are working with our middle school administrators to determine if this sixth-grade event can take place during the school day in order to finalize the exact date and time.

Stefanie said that the district bought the game Werewolf, which is for folks ages 13+.

Stefanie is discussing Lego League with First Inspires to determine if we can facilitate and support the program in CVUSD next year.

b. DAC

Family math night with Mathnasium was a success. To run the event, between 16 and 32 adults are needed. Mathnasium brought pizza for the volunteers. The event was free.

Mathnasium is partnering with National PTA. Shauna said that science teachers from one of the high schools are visiting elementary schools to run science events. Shauna will reach out to the high school teacher who is coordinating this to get information on how to schedule a visit.

Terri Culpepper is available for lunch-bunch events; she can bring a green screen.

There was a discussion about having GATE events in the classroom rather than just at lunch time.

c. SEDAC

Dr. McLaughlin spoke at the last SEDAC meeting. He is trying to help with the dashboard.

They are trying to identify the students who are getting Ds and Fs so that additional assistance can be provided to those students. They also discussed what belongs in a SPSA.

d. School Site Reports

Christine Wells reported that School Resource Officers (SROs) from the Thousand Oaks Police Department would be visiting EARTHs for a lunch-bunch event later today.

Rachael Brusseau said that Terri Culpepper is coming to Glenwood for a GATE event with VR goggles. Rachael is working on a goal-setting event with a social worker where students would be creating a vision board.

Folks at Aspen are thinking about hiring a GATE specialist to work exclusively with GATE kids at target time. Shauna will find out if there is a hard and fast rule about allowing only GATE students to participate and noted that best practice needs to be considered when clustering GATE and high achieving students.

Bijaya said that Redwood had a science fair yesterday; it was great. There will be a spont day next week. Bijaya is trying to set up another one for the following week. Career expos are being discussed.



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Hun said that 805 Nodus Escape Rooms helped with a mystery box event at Madrona. Teri Trudel is concerned about the unevenness of GATE offerings across the campuses. Rebecca from Acacia said that they were setting up lunch-bunch events with a new math club.

Gisella from Sequoia had What's the Matter event; it was a huge success.

**e. Local / State Update**

Nothing.

**f. Support Organization Report (CAG, TCGC)**

The CAG conference is in Palm Springs this year February 22-24. CVUSD can cover the registration cost for two parents. Shauna and Stefanie will be attending.

TCGC is hosting a CAG conference sharing session to the March meeting on Friday, March 8 in the Ventura USD Service Center beginning at 9 a.m.

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

A nominating committee was formed to find folks to run for the GATE DAC positions of chair, vice chair, secretary and parliamentarian. The election of officers will be held in May, and those elected will start in June. Teri Trudel, Shannon Prachyl and Melissa Crawford are the members of the nominating committee. Please contact one of them if you would like to run for an office. A GATE parent survey for school sites was discussed. It will try to assess if parents are aware of the GATE opportunities at their sites and in the district, and if we are meeting the needs of GATE students. Shauna and Stefanie will share the survey idea with principals at their next meeting. Bijaya is leading the effort to create the survey. Part of the goal is to get an overall vision of GATE for the district. The issue of the survey will be put on the agenda as old business for the next GATE-DAC meeting.

**X. SPEAKER**

**XI.** Kristina Lopez from STEMs Grow is a parent in CVUSD. She gave a demonstration of one of her lessons. She recently gave a presentation to third-grade students at EARTHs.

**XII. NEXT MEETING**

March 15, 2019 @ 9:00 a.m. at University Center MRP

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Wells, Secretary