

GATE-DAC MEETING MINUTES
Friday, November 17, 2017: 9:10 - 11:00 a.m.
University Center

CVUSD GATE DAC Purpose: Communicate and Advise (Advocacy)

Quote: "What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet." – William Shakespeare

ATTENDANCE: Dr. Santos, Subha Tholudur, Bijaya Eaton and Christine Wells, Gisella Stanley, Mutsuko Anzawa, Dale Dooley, Julie Nagamoto, Amy Chen, Hilary Bhinder, Alysia Flamer, Lisa Hurley, Lorena Ordonez, Nancy Crellin, Bernard Kuai

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
 - The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Chair Subha Tholudur.
- II. OPENING CEREMONIES**
 - Introductions
 - Quote of the day by Dr. Santos
- III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
 - The agenda was adopted as presented.
- IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
 - None
- VI. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - The minutes of the previous meeting are to be e-mailed to all GATE-DAC representatives.
 - The minutes of the September 15, 2017 meeting were approved as distributed.
- VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - **Dr. Santos**
 - Dr. Santos is working on third grade testing. 3rd grade testing is the week of January 15-19; 1st-2nd & 4th-8th is on on January 20, 2018; the time and location are still TBD.
 - The test takes about one hour to complete, and it is a timed test.
 - Students will be able to sign up for their preferred start time.
 - **DAC**
 - The cost of Outdoor School will increase by \$25.
 - School choice begins in February.
 - Some changes in state laws may affect some interdistrict transfer students.
 - The due date for applications to Cash for Classrooms is soon.
 - Maple is having a Family Coding Night
 - The six-word story competition held by the local library was a success.
 - **School site reports**
 - Elementary Solve-it day, which was held last evening, was a success. Sixty-two kids signed up, and 53 kids showed up. Middle School Solve-it Day is tonight and at capacity.
 - The Thousand Oaks Library is offering a talk on 3-D printing. This will be a Fun Friday event.
 - Possible meet-ups that were discussed by Hilary Blinder include The Moxi Museum in Santa Barbara and regional robotics.
 - One suggestion was to have a GATE section in the school newsletter.

- Christine Wells discussed the success of October’s lunch bunch at EARTHs and the upcoming lunch bunch with a veterinarian and with Tifa Chocolates. She also mentioned the possibility of setting up a meet-up to go to Body Worlds: Pulse at the California Science Center.
 - There was discussion of Zooniverse online, which coordinates crowd-sourced science projects and Stock market game online.
 - Bijaya asked about the possibility of having a GATE elective at Redwood Middle School.
 - Hilary said she has set up a LRE Shutterfly account for Lang Ranch GATE and reps can request to be added.
 - **Local / State Update**
 - The CAG-conference will be March 3-4, 2018.
 - **CAG Conference Report**
 - The call for presenters just went out. The conference will be in San Diego on March 3 and 4. The parent session is on March 4. There are parent scholarships available.
- VIII. OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- Hilary listed speakers that she is coordinating for future GATE-DAC meetings.
- IX. NEW BUSINESS**
- Julie Freedman has stepped down as parliamentarian. The position is now open.
 - The election will be held at the next meeting.
 - A break-out box has been purchased for the district. Dr. Santos wants to buy more rather than trying to recreate it.
 - Sycamore is doing a break-out box event next month.
- X. NEXT MEETING**
- Friday, December 15 at 9 a.m. at University Center
- XI. ADJOURNMENT**
- Motion made by Alicia Flamer to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Christine Wells. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Wells, Secretary