

San Diego Unified School District  
**GATE DAC Meeting**  
**October 12, 2015**  
**MINUTES**

The meeting was convened at 6:30 p.m. at the Ballard Parent Center Auditorium.

**Introductions:** Elizabeth Nagy introduced herself as Co-Chair, Heidi Atchison as Co-Chair, and Katie Anderson as Past Co-Chair of the GATE DAC. She also let parents know that a translator was available as well as childcare for those who were interested. Elizabeth surveyed the audience to see how many parents were attending for the first time, less than 6 times, and more than 7. She also asked who has students who are seminar identified and who has students who are cluster identified; who has elementary, middle, and high school students. Elizabeth also asked for volunteers to work on the Leadership and said for anyone interested to see her after the meeting.

**GATE Identification Process:** Sonia Picos, Carrie Rea, and Kristin Makena presented a PowerPoint on the new identification process and the CogAT. Questions from the audience included:

1. Have you talked to other districts about the new process? The Board video of 6/23/15 answers some of the question.
2. Is the CogAT available in Spanish? No, but one of the subtests is nonverbal.
3. Will students who have already been identified be reassessed? No.
4. What is the direction for the GATE program going to be? Programming questions should be addressed to the GATE office or the site principal.
5. Have the criteria been developed for retesting at 5<sup>th</sup> grade? Not at this time; hopefully soon.
6. Should parents and teachers practice with students prior to the testing? The Testing office does not encourage parents or teachers to practice with items online.
7. Is there an appeal process? Yes.
8. The Choice application is due in February. If students aren't tested until spring, how will this affect Seminar placement? It doesn't matter what time of year students are tested. Parents submit a copy of the Seminar Intent to Enroll Form to the seminar program closest to their school of attendance.

Carrie and Kristin said they are hoping this test will more accurately identify students. If you have any questions concerning GATE testing, please email Carrie Rea at [crea@sandi.net](mailto:crea@sandi.net) or Kristin Makena at [kmakena@sandi.net](mailto:kmakena@sandi.net).

**Meeting with your Teacher:** Elizabeth and Katie went over the Guidelines for a successful Parent-Teacher Meeting paperwork that was given to those present. They told parents they could use this form to help guide questions they might have concerning their child.

**SENG (Social Emotional Needs of the Gifted):** Mary Ann Hawke, a GATE parent, presented a PowerPoint on the Social and Emotional Needs of the Gifted.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 9, 2015.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.