

San Diego Unified School District  
**GATE DAC Meeting**  
**October 10, 2016**  
**MINUTES**

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

Introductions: Mary Ann Hawke introduced herself as Chair, Heidi Atchison as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, and Lily Higman as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair of the GATE DAC. She also let parents know that a translator was available as well as childcare for those who were interested. Mary Ann went on to ask district personnel in attendance to introduce themselves. Jim Solo, Executive Director of Leadership and Learning and April Stebbins-Dorman, GATE Resource Teacher introduced themselves.

**GATE Assessment  
and Identification**

Update: Jim Solo, Executive Director of Leadership and Learning, briefly reviewed the process that led to the factors used in the Multiple Matrix for GATE Identification and how the factors came to be weighted as they are currently. Jim also shared that the CogAt had been approved by the Board of Education for the 2016-2017 school year and that a letter would be going out to principals that reviewed the GATE Identification Process and the factors considered. He also highlighted that this is on-going process and further adjustments may need to be made in the future. Jim responded to questions from the attendees.

**Breakout Group**

Activity: GATE DAC attendees regrouped and participated in a four table rotation entitled "GATE 101." The four presentations were as follows: Heidi Atchison, *Gifted Resources*; Lily Sun Higman, *Working Within Your Cluster*; Mary Ann Hawke, *Social & Emotional Issues*; and April Stebbins-Dorman, *The Gifted Classroom*.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.