

San Diego Unified School District
GATE DAC Meeting
September 12, 2016
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The meeting was convened at 6:40 p.m. at the Ballard Parent Center Auditorium.

Introductions: Mary Ann Hawke introduced herself as Chair, Heidi Atchison as 1st Vice Chair, and Lily Higman as 2nd 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 surveyed the audience to see how many parents were attending for the first time. She also asked who has students who are seminar identified and who has students that are cluster identified; who has elementary, middle, and high school students. Mary Ann went on to share some quotes from a recent article in the Union Tribune entitled “New Test Reduces Gifted Student Ranks at SDUSD (Sunday, September 4, 2016).

GATE Report: April Stebbins-Dorman, GATE Resource Teacher, gave a program update. Items included: Teachers GATE certified for the 2015-2016 school year, status of the GATE Program Manager position, upcoming Distinguished Lecturer Series, GATE Program Summaries for 2016-2017

Identification

Tool Update: Carrie Rea, Program Manager for the Office of Related Services and Hyyon Palmer, Senior Psychologist, provided an update on the identification process. Carrie Rea also referred to the recent article from the Union Tribune entitled “New Test Reduces Gifted Student Ranks at SDUSD (Sunday, September 4, 2016). Carrie Rea shared a Power Point that broke down the number of students identified as GATE in the 2015-2016 school year and answered attendees’ questions. Power Point would be posted on the GATE website. The overview of the 2016-2017 testing window was shared. Principals and school psychologists will determine which testing window will be used at each site. Individual questions about testing and identification should be addressed to school psychologists.

Presentation: Mary Ann Hawke, Chair, presented a brief overview of the GATE DAC Representative’s Packet (available on-line and as a hand-out) as well as an example of a GATE Informational Presentation Board for use at Back-to-School Nights (slides posted on the GATE DAC Webpage).

Breakout Group

Activity: GATE DAC attendees regrouped by Areas 1-6 and participated in an activity designed to introduce themselves and discuss how to raise participation in GATE DAC in their respective area.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.