

Orange Unified School District  
Gifted & Talented Education (GATE)  
Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting  
District Office Rooms J2 & J3  
Monday , November 5, 2018, 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
Minutes

Present: Shelley Chang, Lily Dinh, Terri Echeverria, Esther Flores, Christine Gerges, Margaret Lloyd, Peter Wang, Stella Wong, Brandie Smith, Karen Hutchinson, Ada De Leon, Megan Gonzalez, Roslyn Lau, Miguel Arreguin, Helen Xiao, Rachel Ashton, Siwoo Jung, Stacy Wu, Parul Desai, Carlie Fouche, Laura Kresl, and Doreen Kearns

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Laura Kresl (Coordinator, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Innovation & Instructional Design). This was the second GATE CAC meeting for the 2018-19 school year.

Welcome and Introductions

The newly elected Chairperson Esther Flores and Vice Chairperson Christine Gerges were introduced.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September 18, 2018 CAC meeting were motioned, and approved as presented with no changes.

Presentations

Terri Nii (CTE Mentor Teacher) of the Curriculum Dept. discussed the Career Technical Education (CTE) Program which helps students with career exploration.

- CTE is exposed in elementary school, explored in middle school, and experienced in high school
- Currently there are 15 career pathways, and classes are articulated with the community colleges including Santa Ana College and Santiago Community College.
- Year- long classes are taught at the high school by CTE teachers who have professional or industry experience in a specific pathway.
- Students can participate in professional internships where they have the opportunity to work at local businesses related to their pathway.
- CTE courses can be started in Grade 9, and students who complete one 02 CTE course and one 03 CTE course are awarded an additional graduation tassel in that specific pathway.

District Advisory Committee (DAC)

The recently formed DAC will hold its first meeting on November 6, 2018 to discuss the goals, screening, and qualification process of the GATE Program. This committee is made up of GATE teachers, GATE magnet principals, and GATE parents.

California Association of the Gifted (CAG) Conference

The 57<sup>th</sup> Annual CAG conference will be held in Palm Springs, CA on February 22-24, 2019. OUSD will pay for the registration fee for parents who would like to attend the parent session on February 24, 2019. Parents are responsible for travel/mileage costs, lodging, food, and other miscellaneous expenses to attend this conference.

### Educational Night for Parents and Educators

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual OCC GATE Educational Night for Parents and Educators focusing on “Nurturing the Needs of the Gifted” will be held on March 4, 2019 at the Placentia Yorba Linda Unified School District, on March 5, 2019 at the Tustin Unified School District, and March 6, 2019 at the Fountain Valley Unified School District. This evening event is offered for free, and space is limited.

### School Reports

Recent social and educational events at some of the elementary schools were mentioned including red ribbon week and outdoor science.

### Discussion

Laura Kresl (Coordinator, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Innovation & Instructional Design) of the Curriculum Dept. advised that a survey had been sent to the elementary school sites to see if online GATE testing would be preferred by the schools instead of using bubble sheets for the spring 2019 GATE screening . The majority of schools did prefer online GATE testing, and currently the cost of changing to online testing is being reviewed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

The next GATE CAC meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 25, 2019.