

Orange Unified School District  
Gifted & Talented Education (GATE)  
Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting  
District Office Rooms J2 & J3  
Tuesday, February 27, 2018 - 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
Minutes

Present: Lai Yin Cheah, Terri Echeverria, Christine Gerges, Eileen Hartfelder, Mylene Jurjis, Doreen Kearns, Laura Kresl, Grace Lai, Amy Nitao, Margaret Peng, Amanda Pham, Stacy Vo, Peter Wang, Stella Wong, Michelle Tao, Eok Jun, Mandy Kong

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Laura Kresl (Coordinator, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Innovation & Instructional Design). This GATE CAC meeting was the third meeting for the 2017-18 school year.

Welcome and Introductions

All present introduced themselves with their names and the schools they represented.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 27, 2017 CAC meeting were motioned, and approved as presented with no changes.

Presentations

Lisa Green (Administrator, K-12 Academic Content) of the Curriculum Dept. discussed “Wonders” which is the new English Language Arts being used and is from McGraw-Hill. There are three (3) types of “Wonders Assessments”.

- Unit assessment – is given at the end of the six (6) week unit.
- Weekly assessment – reviews what was learned during the week of the lesson.
- Selection assessment – a comprehensive review of what was learned in a story read by students. The study tools for this include a line reader (ruler with an open line).

Laura Kresl (Coordinator, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Innovation & Instructional Design) of the Curriculum Dept. gave a brief overview of the new OUSD website including navigation of the Educational Services link and the GATE Program web page.

Mrs. Kresl also gave a presentation and handouts regarding the social and emotional health of GATE students. Some of the topics discussed included:

- GATE magnet school support for GATE students with anxiety issues.
- The *sengifted.org* website was mentioned as a resource for both educators and parents to help with student overall well being, and how to address anxiety and depression issues.
- Nohl Canyon Elementary does a potluck to help GATE students bond with each other.
- Grade 4 GATE students are paired with an upper grade GATE student who acts as a “buddy” to help them with any concerns.

School Reports

- Crescent Elementary 6<sup>th</sup> grade had an “Egypt Night” and raised pennies for patients.
- The PSAT is free of charge for all students and is given in October.
- The opportunity to have essay practice availability.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.