

**ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Gifted & Talented Education (GATE)
Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting
District Office-Conference Room J2&J3
Monday, November 16, 2015-7:00PM
Minutes**

Present: Nitin B, Charles C, Connie C, Cynthia C, Jennifer C, Ken C, Sofia C, Deanna D, Nili-
ma D, Parul D, Linh E, Terri E, Linda G, Eileen H, Rory K, Phong M, Srikanth M, Wendy N, Bela
P, Christine P, Shilpa P, Glenn R, Payal S, Valerie S, Stella W, Raquel Z

Guest: Karin Barone, TIP teacher (Differentiation for all learners)

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM, by the Chair, Cynthia Collins.

Welcome-Introductions

All present introduced themselves with their names and schools represented.

Approval of Minutes

Cynthia Collins motioned to approve the October 5, 2015 minutes as presented. No changes were needed. Motion carries.

Presentation-Presentation on the Growth Mind Set (differentiation training for general education teachers) by Karin Barone.

These trainings started last year with teachers from 4th, 5th, and 6th grade from various elementary schools from the OUSD. There were 3 trainings that took place. The training focused on various strategies to use for the whole class to enhance the children's learnings. Many models were looked at and the one chosen is based on Sandra Kaplan's Depth/Complexity model.

1st training: focused on defining what it means to be gifted, talked about resources that can be found at NAGC, live binders, OCC GATE websites and blogs. Gifted behavior is defined as an individual's ability above average capabilities, are creative, and committed to a task. There are 11 basic Depth and Complexity icons. These are good for visual learners to foster their critical thinking abilities. 8 of these are depth icons and 3 of them are complexity icons.

2nd training: asked the teachers to bring some of the work done by students in their classroom. The successes and challenges were addressed. The use of thinking maps was also discussed.

3rd training: a gallery walk of the students work was conducted again. An introduction to the content imperatives and Sandra Kaplan's 8 new icons were discussed. They also practiced using the new icons. They learned how to create lesson plans and grade the work using these icons.

Curriculum Office Report

Cathleen Corella reminded the group about the LCFF survey and the importance of filling out the forms. She encouraged parents to provide their input. Some of the examples she provided were parents asking about summer enrichment opportunities, funding for after school activities, tutorials, field trips, funding for technology, etc.

The GATE referral/screening identification process is open from August 28th thru December 4th 2015. Referrals are for grades 2, 4, 5, 6. 3rd graders will be universally tested unless parents opt their children out of testing. Forms for 2nd, 4th-6th grade students need to be submitted on-line at the GATE website.

The GATE test will be administered at their school site between January 25, 2016 and February 29, 2016. The school testing calendar will be posted on the GATE website in early January and the results will be mailed home in mid-April.

The 41st Annual conference about Gifted Children will be held on Saturday, Nov 21st 2015 at UCI from 8am-1:30pm. The OUSD Office of Education will pay for the event. Interested parents should inform Cathleen 2 weeks prior to the event.

School Reports

Members shared the activities from their individual sites.

Public Comment

None