

Santa Barbara Secondary Schools
GATE District Advisory Council
January 24th Meeting
Minutes

Final

ATTENDEES:

Sandy Robertson, District GATE Coordinator; Wendy Geis-Rockwood, DAC Secretary; Niloofar Kilpelainen, Parliamentarian; Paul Campbell, Goleta Valley Junior High Site Coordinator; Kurt Bergthold, La Colina Site Coordinator; Lindsay Woodard DPHS Site Coordinator; Katie Pelle, La Cumbre Site-Coordinator;; Mike Brashears, San Marcos High School Parent; Hank Pitcher, La Colina Parent; Patricia Ruth; Santa Barbara High Site Coordinator; Chris Speer, Santa Barbara Junior High, Parent, Newsletter Chair; Mary Ann Neilsen, Santa Barbara High Parent; Katie O'Reilly-Rogers, Dos Pueblos Parent; Blia Yang, CAL Soap, Community Representative; Janet Rowse, Santa Barbara High Parent; Joan Cotich, San Marcos High Site Coordinator.

Welcome and Introductions

Last Month's Minutes Read and approved with minor revisions.

Tri-County GATE Upcoming Workshops with Dr. James Webb

James T Webb, PH.D, a licensed psychologist and founder of SENG (supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted) will be speaking in separate workshops to the Tri-County Community. Thursday, March 6th he will speak to parents on the social and emotional needs of the gifted. 7:00-8:30 pm at Rancho Rosal School, Camarrillo.

There will also be a workshop for teachers on the same day March 6th at he Oxnard Performing Arts Centre, 800 Hobson Way 8:00-3:00 pm.

Another workshop for counsellors and School Psychologists will follow on Friday, March 7, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. For more information check out the District GATE website or contact the Tri-County GATE office.

Tri-County Gate News

There is a sub-committee meeting in the organization to share ideas between districts. There will be an interim report presented on what is learned.

Articles were provided on topics of interest to GATE educators and parent.

Santa Barbara School District Focus Group Meetings Held

A consultant George Chockett has been hired to lead a process of evaluation of the GATE program in Santa Barbara. Meetings are being held for parents, students, teachers,

and administrators to determine what, if any changes should be made to the GATE program. There will also be a survey process. Next meeting will be February 6 for the Planning committee of this group.

Upcoming Trainings

On March 1 a group of teachers are going to San Diego to get more information on the Middle Years program for International Baccalaureate. It is a one day orientation.

Another group is attending Chatman College's pre AP program informational workshop. One representative is going from each junior high school.

What is learned from these trainings will be shared with the planning committee and full results of the planning committee will report to school board in late May.

There will a presentation of the findings to the DAC as well.

Westmont Leadership Conference

All schools sending at least three students must have a chaperone parent or teacher. Scholarships are available.

Newsletter

More stories needed. The newsletter should be out in beginning of February.

Parent Education Night

This event has been postponed to next fall due to the evaluation process happening and the time that takes.

Phonation

Letters will go out February 20th to give people a chance to donate before receiving a call. Some review of the process of the phone than was covered.

Next Meeting:

Santa Barbara Junior High
Globe Theatre
Thursday, February 21, 2008
3:30-5:00