

OCC GATE
COORDINATOR'S MEETING
THURSDAY, November 17, 2011
OCDE, Building D - 1003



The meeting was called to order at 9:10 A.M. by President, Kathy Apps.

New Business

Members Present: Beth Andrews, Kathy Apps, Karen Davidson, Ginny Gardner, Phyllis Greenberg, Wendy Hayes-Ebright, Phyllis Greenberg, Julie Hull, Sandy Ishii, Lisa Kadowaki, Gigi Kelly, Mi Lee, Sharon Maeda, David Peterson, Dan Rosenberg, Gina Rae Sletten, Debi Storing, Vicki Uhlich

Kathy reviewed SAUSD's AGATE (GATE) program. Purpose is the importance of the role of the parent. Site GATE Coordinators are invited to attend their first meeting with the parent representative.

General meetings, held 3-4 times a year, are well-attended. Guest speakers present GATE-related information to help the parent community.

Sandi shared about GGUSD's parent community DAC (District Advisory) translates into multiple languages. Each DAC meeting provides training information, for example, at one meeting The song, Cats in the Cradle with the focus is on Content Imperatives. Wendy shared that LBUUSD uses the Brady Bunch song.

Scholarly Habits via a Match-Up activity introduced Scholarly Habits. Parents had a better understanding of what Scholarly Habits are and what their role is in fostering Scholarly Habits. A looped slide show of eminent people is incorporated into the presentation.

Sandi suggested we share our district's information on a private space. David will create a space on OCCGATE's website for us to have access to ppts and other handouts.

Sandi will post the handouts on our new location for sharing. She also recommended tapping into her information available at GGUSD's website: GATE → Parents → Instructional Resources

Community Advisory Website Ideas

- Summarized GATE Standards in English
- Newsletters
- Presentations
- Handouts

Wendy explained how LBUSD's parents enjoyed the World Café approach.

Sharon shared multiple ideas that TUSD provides for their parent community.

- GATE brochure is available;
- CAC~parents interested in serving as a CAC member complete an application;
- GATE Parent Symposium for is offered for parents to select two sessions (out of several) on parenting gifted children to attend. Topics offered focused on *Fostering Creativity, What Does Differentiation Mean, Technology Tips and Tricks for Parents, and Supporting Social/Emotional Needs*;
- Parent Institute is held in the summer to coincide with the students' Summer Scholars program. Parents receive training on parenting gifted students.

We segued into a conversation about middle school programs. The discussion was very informative regarding how districts work with middle school staffs in fostering more rigorous programs.

Middle School Ideas Shared

- Task Cards, created by Gina, were provided for middle school teachers.
- Frames were also provided for teachers to use.
- Work samples from primary and upper elementary teachers were shared.

Sandi recommended we pull from model secondary lessons to serve as models.

At our next meeting we will revisit the topic of

Treasurer's Report

Sharon provided an update on our budget from August and September, in addition to a current, incomplete Conference Budget. The August budget had a balance of \$21,140.87, and the September budget had a balance of \$26,852.94. The Conference budget as of 11/15/11 at a \$4,203.57 profit; however, outstanding income and expenses are still pending.

Conference Attendance

	2009	2010	2011
Parents	14	8	10
Teachers	255	269	430
On-Site Registration	15	17	0
Presenters/Committee	40	45	39
No-Shows	26	8	43
Total	317	339	479

The minutes from Oct. 20, 2011 were approved and seconded with corrections.

CAG Report

Website - It was recommended that, in addition to OCCGATE's minutes and information pertaining to gifted education, we could also post CAG's OC Region's newsletter on our website via the blog.

Awards - Barbara Clark Excellence in Writing Award.

CAG's annual Barbara Clark Award for Writing Excellence.

<http://cag.affiniscape.com/associations/7912/files/Barbara%20Clark%20>

[Award%20Form2012.pdf](#)

Applicants may be freshmen, sophomores, juniors, or seniors in high school (or the equivalent); and a member of the California Association for the Gifted must submit the student's application for the award. The writing topic is left open to student choice, but it should address a subject of vital interest to the student that has an impact on society as a whole. The award-winning student will receive a monetary award of \$100; the primary award, however, will be publication of the student's work in the Gifted Education Communicator Journal and on the CAG website.

Beth will ask Susan about notification regarding conference presentations. (Susan sent the letters shortly after this meeting).

The Minutes were approved and seconded.

UCI Extension

Lisa Kadowaki passed out information on UCI's Extension's Webinar. Credit option is available. All four need to be watched and complete a paper and lesson plan (\$120 per unit).

Webmaster, David Peterson, shared that we are officially a state-approved, nonprofit organization. More presentation handouts were submitted to the website after the conference.

Debi shared the results of the conference survey. B Wilson at PYLUSD won the raffle for free registration (2012 conference).

Kathy reiterated our appreciation for all that David does for OCCGATE.

Conference Ideas were revisited via contributing to topics posted around the room. Sandi will organize the information and provide as a resource for next year's conference. Sandi spoke with Susan Seamons (CAG) to have some input on CAG's process. Susan shared about the conference binders for each job.

Other Topics

Dan attended NAGC conference and will share at our next meeting. Dan will look into possible options for our next meeting.

Future Meetings and Topics:

Thursday, Dec 15, 2011	9:00 - 11:00	OCDE, D1001	Breakfast Meeting (RSVP Required) Budget, theme, secondary level work samples, bring white elephant
Thursday, Jan 12, 2012	9:00 - 11:00	OCDE, D1006	Common Core Julie's Speaker
Thursday, March 15, 2012	9:00 - 11:00	OCDE, D1004	Primary Gifted
Thursday, May 10, 2012	9:00 - 11:00	OCDE, D1004	Using GATE Data

The meeting was adjourned at 11:44 A.M.