

Orange Unified School District  
Gifted & Talented Education (GATE)  
Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting  
District Office Rooms J2 & J3  
Monday, August 28, 2017, 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
Minutes

Present: Heather Bosworth, Charles Chang, Lai Yin Cheah, Cynthia Collins, Cathleen Corella, Lily Dinh, Terri Echeverria, Esther Flores, Suzee Gallagher, Doreen Kearns, Laura Kresl, Rita Mohanty, Bela Patel, Christine Peng, Margaret Peng, Stella Wong

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Cathleen Corella (Administrative Director of Curriculum & Instruction, and GATE). This GATE CAC meeting was the first for the new 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 May 15, 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 ELA Resources and a handout of the McGraw Hill Wonders Advanced Learner Resources (K-6) was given. The resources include beyond level daily lesson plans in vocabulary and comprehension, practice books, online vocabulary interactive games, weekly projects, and assessments.

Jennifer Bourgeois (Coordinator, Research and Assessment) of the Educational Technology Dept. gave a presentation on the College Board and reviewed the SAT process, and the AP tests that were administered at the high schools. The average score for all four high schools was in the 3-4 range with a 5 being the top score. The PSAT is given to all OUSD students in Grades 9-11, and October 11, 2017 will be the district wide testing date. In May 2018, the AP testing will occur.

Laura Kresl (Coordinator, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Innovation & Instructional Design) of the Curriculum Dept. reviewed the GATE testing results from spring 2017 which included the assessment of 2,277 students in Grades 2-6. The GATE website link for parent and teacher referrals will reopen the week of September 4, 2017. The final date to submit a referral for the spring 2018 GATE testing is December 8, 2017.

### Roundtable Discussions

- A discussion of general student expectations emphasized the necessity of perseverance, grit, social and emotional well-being along with the importance of parents encouraging your child to always do their best.
- GATE students who are non-participants at the GATE Magnet Schools and who remain at their home school are usually placed in cluster groups by the principal, and are assigned to a specific teacher who can differentiate the curriculum to meet their needs. It was noted that Dee Petersen who is an Instructional Specialist for the Curriculum Dept. offers training and resources to teachers who have GATE clusters.

### Next Meeting Topics

- Elections of the CAC President and the CAC Vice-President
- The OCC GATE Conference at California State University Fullerton will be held on Saturday, October 28, 2017
- Parent forum on student stress reduction

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.