

San Diego Unified School District
GATE DAC Meeting
November 14, 2016
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The meeting was convened at 6:35 p.m. at the Ballard Parent Center Auditorium.

Introductions: Mary Ann Hawke introduced herself as Chair, Heidi Atchison as 1st Vice Chair, and Lily Higman as 2nd Vice Chair of the GATE DAC. She also let parents know that a translator was available as well as childcare for those who were interested. Mary Ann shared that a new GATE Program Manager had been chosen and was present to introduce herself.

Introduction of New GATE Program Manager: Melissa Roy Wood introduced herself, shared her educational experience and her vision for the GATE Department going forward. She will assume the position of GATE Program Manager on November 28, 2016.

GATE Report: April Stebbins-Dorman, GATE Resource Teacher, gave a program update. Items included: Teachers GATE certified for the 2015-2016 school year; mentor lessons and professional development in the GATE Icons in implementing Socratic Seminar at several schools over the last month; and presentations given at two schools' GATE Parents Meetings.

C.A.L.M. D.O.W.N. Advocacy: Mary Ann Hawke presented the protocol to assist parents in advocating for their children. She reviewed the hand-out providing personal examples to reinforce each item through example. (Hand-out posted on GATE DAC Presentation web page.)

Parent Conferences – Questions to Ask: Lily Sue Higman presented information and a protocol to assist parents in planning for a successful parent-teacher conference. (Hand-out posted on the GATE DAC Presentation web-page.)

GATE Icons: April Stebbins-Dorman presented information on the development of the GATE Icons for Depth and Complexity. (Hand-out posted on GATE DAC Presentation web page.)

Closing Information: Mary Ann Hawke informed those present of calendar change: next meeting will be December 12th. She also requested input from attendees as to the content of the upcoming meeting. Choices offered were presentation by regional CAG Representative or training opportunity from P.E.T. Mary Ann will follow up make arrangements for Dec. 12th meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.