

San Diego Unified School District  
**GATE DAC Meeting**  
**April 10, 2017**  
**MINUTES**

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 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, and Lily Higman as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair of the GATE DAC. She let parents know that a translator was available as well as childcare for those who were interested. Mary Ann also introduced the GATE Program Manager, Melissa Roy-Wood, and GATE Resource Teacher, April Stebbins-Dorman.

**GATE Report:** Melissa Roy -Wood, GATE Program Manager, gave a program update. Items included: School site visits (Cubberley, Linda Vista, Chesterton) meetings with Principals, work toward the development of GATE Seminar Pathways in underserved communities, experiences at Cluster Meetings and updates on changes coming to GATE in 2017-2018.

**Guest Speaker:** Moira Allbritton, CAC Chair, spoke on Twice Exceptionality (2e): GATE and Special Education. Moira shared data and the implications of identifying students to receive services and programming through both GATE and Special Education. Moira's Power Point is available on the GATE DAC webpage. Moira also answered questions from attendees about IEP or 504 processes.

**Implications of 2e on Classroom Instruction:** April Stebbins-Dorman shared instructional strategies as well as experiences around meeting the needs of students who have been labeled 2e, or who are multiply identified. Areas of differentiation and names of methods and groupings frequently observed in classrooms were also shared.

**Closing:** Mary Ann Hawke, Chairperson, reminded attendees of an opportunity for parents to advocate for their children through a district postcard campaign. She made postcards available and asked parent representatives to share them with the GATE parents at their school site.

Steering Committee Meeting – June 12, 2017

The next meeting – September 11, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.