

San Diego Unified School District
GATE DAC Meeting
March 13, 2017
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The meeting was convened at 6:40 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 also introduced the GATE Program Manager, Melissa Roy-Wood, and GATE Resource Teacher, April Stebbins-Dorman.

Budget Report and Q&A: Jim Solo, Executive Director Leadership and Learning, described the changes that will take place concerning the GATE Department and GATE Programming throughout the district in the face of the \$124 million dollar shortfall the district is experiencing.

Donna Trippi, principal La Jolla Elementary School, shared the value of having a site based model for GATE Programming.

GATE Report: Melissa Roy -Wood, GATE Program Manager, gave a program update. Items included: School site visits, meetings with Principals, work toward the development of GATE Seminar Pathways in underserved communities, experiences at Cluster Meetings and participating in a celebration at Burbank Elementary School as part of their Turn Around Arts Program.

Guest Speaker: Janelle Miller, Ph.D., CAG Parent Representative, Palomar Region
Janelle spoke on the importance of parent advocacy and the role CAG plays in supporting parent advocacy across the state. She also shared the benefits of CAG membership.

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

The next meeting – April 10, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.