

GATE PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 1, 2009 Meeting

Minutes

Terri Palladino, Principal of Meadow View School, welcomed the parents and introduced Jesse Escobedo, Principal of Kawana School, who was at the meeting to translate for parents. Attached is the sign-in sheet for parents in attendance.

Ms. Palladino discussed the purpose of the committee was to act as an advisory committee to the District and Board of trustees, and would not be taking any action. The committee can make recommendations regarding the GATE program.

Ms. Palladino discussed the GATE program as it exists now: a series of after-school programs including chess, art, drama, astronomy, cooking and several other options. We intend to offer some Saturday workshops beginning in January, 2010. She also reviewed the Informational Guide for Parents, highlighting how students are identified and the purpose of the GATE curriculum, including complexity, depth, novelty and acceleration. We also discussed the possibility of GATE field trips.

Ms. Palladino also discussed plans for the GATE programs for the 2010-2011 school year. She told parents about the “cluster” integrated instruction, training of teachers and how that would enhance GATE students’ learning. We also had a discussion regarding Odyssey of the Mind being introduced to students this year, with the hope of competing in 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.