

TGIF Parent Reps. Meeting Minutes – April 3rd 2006

Present: Mary Ellen Huey, Hirsch Goyal, Prakash Narayan, Sastry Tatapudy, Mike Stirniman, Elisa Ordon, and Saritha Purnikmath.

The meeting was about **Brain storming, participating and strategizing, and promotion of GATE Program in The Fremont Unified School District.**

Topics discussed were:

- 1. Goals of “Gate Parents”.**
- 2. Why we need “Parent Reps.”?**
- 3. What parents’ reps. can do to promote awareness about Gate Program?**
- 4. What resources would be helpful for parents’ reps to carry out their role?**
- 5. How parents’ group advisory board can help to develop those resources?**

Networking: Parents’ reps. can talk to other parents’ reps. from other school and discuss what programs they have and how their school GATE Program is? So, they can learn more about GATE programs and compare their school programs and how to improve it.

GATE Parent Reps.: Parents’ reps. are nominated by the principal and school district knows who the parents’ reps. from each school are. If a school doesnot have a parent rep. you can nominate yourself and tell the principal about it.

The GATE office at district has a GATE hand book which Mary Ellen every year gives a copy to all the GATE Parents’ reps. and TGIF board. A copy of the hand book is also available at the school and at the district. This has a detailed information about GATE program.

Parents’ reps. take the information discussed at the TGIF Parents’ reps. meetings and convey to the school principal, GATE teachers and other parents.

Workshop: It was suggested to have a workshop for the GATE parents’ reps. where Parents’ reps. from different school can discuss and share about the GATE program in their School. Show the check list. How it looks? What information it can have? Give a time line about what should be done at what time.

GATE awareness: Have a TGIF board member to adopt a school and have a meeting at the school for parents and parents’ reps. Talk about how TGIF works and give information about GATE program in the school district, so the parents can be aware of

the GATE programs. TGIF Board members and Parents' reps. can also do it at a neighborhood level.

Tell the parents about: **New GATE parent meeting, GATE Olympics, GAME Night, and College Prep.** Parents can learn a lot from these meetings and also can meet other GATE parents and share lot of information.

Parents' reps. can have couple of meetings at the school with parents and tell about GATE programs and how to get their child nominated. Create a checklist. keep a copy of the checklist at the school library. A copy of the checklist is available at the school and a copy is also sent by all the schools to the district.

The information about GATE meetings can be put in the school news letter, school website, put in the notice board and send in the Wednesdays folder.

It was suggested in the New GATE parent meeting have last 10 minutes for the five different high school areas to group parents, parents' reps. and a TGIF board member to sit and discuss and share information. In this meeting show parents the check list and GATE hand book.