

TGIF Gate Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – 12/04/06

Present: Barbara Krishnan, Prakash Narayan, Elisa Ordon, Tomasa Macapinlac, Saritha Puranikmath, and Parent Reps.

Speaker: Ms Shelly Artelt – 6th grade teacher at Hirsch Elementary School gave a speech on her CAG 2006 experience. It was her 3rd time going to CAG and said it enriches you with so many things on teaching. She has sixteen years of teaching experience. Teachers who attend the CAG conference can choose from a variety of workshops which are conducted during the three CAG conference.

The following are some of the workshops which Mrs. Artelt attended. The names of the speakers and their e-mail addresses are provided. If you need to know more you can contact them. If need to know about CAG and some of the workshops Ms. Artelt attended call Ms. Artlet at Hirsch Elementary school. She also has hand out which you can borrow. The GATE office at the district has couple CD's which Ms. Artelt has given, you contact the district GATE office if you want to borrow them.

1. Powerpoint Projects that pack a punch –

Presented by Helia Burns

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students can do this has an extra assignment, if they have done all the work or students can use this as part of the project to give presentations.

2. Challenging High-Ability Learners in your classroom –

Presented by Susan Wienbrenner

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Ms. Artelt said that Ms. Weinebrenner is a very good speaker and it is good to have her come and talk at the unit level. She said there are six kinds of reading and explained them. Train kids to read 5 minutes in the beginning and increase it everyday by the end they should be able to read for 45 minutes at one stretch.

3. Beginning Differentiation –

Presented by Michele Rosati

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4. GAME TO LEARN –

Presented by Judy Bippert

San Diego State University

San Diego, California

Louise Vandling

Ca site Center for Technology Science and Math
Vista, California

Ms. Artelt had the following games:

1. 5 crowns - Math game
2. Quiddler - Similar to Scrabble and has strategy to it.
3. SET - it is a card game about matching patterns and how you can match in different ways.

After kids play the games ask them did they learn anything new, did it have anything similar to other games they have played, what is the similarity or did they find any patterns.

5. Standards Based Lesson – Planning and Differentiation.

Make sure the students know the standards and check them if they have mastered them. Encourage student questioning. Check their work. Assign them work that foster critical thinking.

6. Challenging and Enriching - Literacy for our Gifted Students

The School wide Enrichment - Model Reading Framework – overview

7. EXTENSIONS MENUS AND BEYOND

How Choices Provide Motivation and Fun for All Learners

Presented by Donna Bennett
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This has a lot of extra work a student can do with class work and assignments. So, this takes beyond what is normally required to do.

8. LESSON PLAN – Family Reading.

Objective: Using the Family Reading Strategy, students will collect evidence from different genres of literature to look for positive and negative change on groups of immigrants in early America.

9. Advanced Reading Strategies for Gifted Readers.

Presented by Sandra Kaplan, University of Southern California

Summer programs: There will be a Summer Program fair held at American High

On Jan 22nd 2007. Flyers will be sent all the TGIF member parents. It is a very good fair, lot of people come set up booths you can get lot of information about summer classes offered.

CAG Conference: This year CAG conference is in Bay Area. Since, it is held locally two teachers are being sponsored by TGIF. Please contact your school and tell the principal whom you want to nominate. Principals have received nomination criteria and instructions in an email from TGIF. Nomination deadline has been extended to Fri. 12/8/06. Do this fast for early bird discount deadline 12/15/06. For others interested in the conference see CAG website (<http://www.cagifted.org/>) for registration form and information.

GATE Screening: Jan 14th is the deadline for nominating students for GATE testing. Parent Reps. from each school can have a meeting for all the parents to inform about GATE programs and GATE testing and nominations. See the FUSD website for nominations guidelines (<http://www.fremont.k12.ca.us/prg/GATE/NominationsInfo.pdf>) Parent nomination forms for Elementary level are available on the FUSD website (<http://www.fremont.k12.ca.us/prg/GATE/ParentReferral.pdf>).

Meeting adjourned: 8:30 P.M.

Handout from Shelley Artelt presentation

Websites of Interest:

1. www.gifted.uconn.edu
Check out SEM-R, Renzullie learning, and book lists
2. www.CarolHurst.com/subjects
Pick the genre that interest your child
3. www.renzulli.com
Virtual field trips, contests, book lists, etc.
4. www.cagifted.org
Sign up for the CAG conference March 2-4, 2007 at the Santa Clara Convention Center
5. www.susanwinebrenner.com/
Advice on raising gifted students, gifted education updates, possible speaker for a future meeting.
6. www.paideia.org and <http://hometown.aol.com/paideiapgi/page/index.htm>
Socratic Dialog
7. www.dailybite.com
Transparencies
8. www.engine-uity.com
Porta-Centers, reading projects

Some quotes to ponder:

- Something that comes easy does not prove smartness.
- Smart kids need academic rigor to succeed in life.
- Successful students have 14-15 ways to study for a test; less able students have two.
- What separates Olympic athletes from others is their effort and perseverance.
- Recognition achieved through effort raises self-esteem; acknowledge their effort.