

## **GATE Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda 3-16-07**

1. Upcoming events – get this info out at your schools
  - a. General Parent Meeting/TGIF Board Elections, Monday, May 7, 7 p.m.  
FUSD board room – **Speaker: Elaine Culverwell, Topic: Motivation and Presonality**
    - i. Nominations for board positions
    - ii. Available positions: President Elect; 2 Vice Presidents  
(Programs); 2 Co-recording Secretaries; 1 Membership Secretary;  
Treasurer; Auditor; Webmaster
    - iii. Positions that have no nominations so far, 2 Vice Presidents,  
Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer (?)
  - b. GATE Olympics, Friday, June 1, 7 p.m. Washington H.S. Cafeteria
    - i. Need volunteer to run tables at the event, etc., get the word out to  
parents at your schools as well as H.S. students interested in  
earning 3 hours of community service.
      1. sign-up on signup sheet and/or send email to  
[contact@tgifremont.org](mailto:contact@tgifremont.org) attention: Prakash Narayan for  
people interested in volunteering
2. District News and Updates from Mary Ellen Huey
3. GATE representative duties for the remainder of this year (for more detailed  
suggestions see:  
[http://tgifremont.org/Parent\\_Reps/GATE%20rep%20guidelines.pdf](http://tgifremont.org/Parent_Reps/GATE%20rep%20guidelines.pdf)

- a. Do you need to have another parent meeting?
  - b. Has your school spent its GATE funds?
  - c. Have you reviewed and signed the GATE Checklist?
  - d. Are you returning at GATE rep next year?
    - i. If you are continuing get your contact info into appropriate newsletters, and materials that go out to incoming new parents at the beginning of the school year (i.e., PTSA directories, school websites, Maze day packets-for Jr. High and H.S.)
    - ii. If not start recruiting your replacement and share what you have done with them.
  - e. Do annual GATE parent/student survey
    - i. Go over sample surveys together
  - f. Report on GATE services/activities to your SSC
4. GATE reps share what activities and meetings you have had at your schools. Successes and issues. (If we have a large group we may split up into attendance areas for this discussion.)

## TGIF Parent/Rep. Meeting Minutes – 04/16/07

**Present:** Mary Ellen Huey, Barbara Krishnan, Tomasa Macapinlac, Elisa Ordon, Martha, C Monkman, Jennifer Apy, Saritha Puranikmath

**Elections and Speaker:** In the next May meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> there will be TGIF Elections for the board positions. If you are interested or anyone you know is interested in becoming a board member please contact Barbara Krishnan at 770-0683 (Res.) or send an e-mail to [bkrishnan@comcast.net](mailto:bkrishnan@comcast.net). There are still some positions **open**.

Here are some of the nominations:

**Vice President** – Martha

**Vice President - Open**

**President** – Elisa Ordon

**President Elect** – Tomasa Macapinlac

**Membership Secretary** – Membership Secretary

**Recording Co-Secretary** – Saritha Puranikmath

**Recording Co-Secretary - Open**

**Web Master** – Dan Fong

**Auditor** – Helen Guo

**Treasurer** – Amita (Auditor and treasurer might want to switch places)

**Speaker Elaine Culverwell** will be talking about “**Motivation and Personality.**”

**GATE Olympics:** Friday the June 1<sup>st</sup> there will be GATE Olympics at Washington high school cafeteria. More volunteers are needed to manage the tables. High school students can earn 3 service hours for this. If you are you child is interested please contact Parakash Narayan at 252-9317(Res.) or send an e-mail to [contact@tgifremont.org](mailto:contact@tgifremont.org) or to [jakromap@comcast.net](mailto:jakromap@comcast.net). This event is mainly for kids from k-8. There are two versions, one for younger kids and one for older kids. Students spend 10–15 minutes at each table. When you come in please print your child’s name clearly on the sign-in sheets, because all the students who participated get a certificate.

### **District News and Updates from Mary Ellen Huey:**

Saturday there will be a training day for all GATE teachers. There will be a speaker to talk about differentiated teaching. About 872 kids were tested. Soon they will be receiving a letter from the GATE office. SENG Conference is in Kansas this year from July 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>. CTY from John Hopkins is having an assembly in Mayer Hall, Santa Clara University on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Mary Ellen has a word of advice to all parents who have seniors in high school – tell your children they all did their very best irrespective of whether they were accepted to their schools of choice or not.

GATE rep. duties: For more details see:

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**d. Are you returning at GATE rep. next year?** This last question is important for high schools and Jr. High schools because the reps. normally stay for two years, and the new coming reps. for the following year need to know what to do.

**GATE Survey:** This is has to be done annually. Elisa, Tomasa and Barbara brought sample surveys they had used before at their child's school. Parent reps. can make their own survey or tailor any of the above sample surveys to fit their school. These surveys are important to improve the GATE program. The comments are taken compiled and discussed. These will help the staff know how the parents and kids feel about the program. The school will know how things are working, anything needs to be changed. Mary Ellen said surveys are communication channels between office, school and parents. One of the parent present at the meeting, said that a teacher from her child's school lists all the projects she has done over the school year and asks children to number their top five projects and explain why they liked it. This gives a teacher an idea about the students their likings and disliking of the project and what did they learned and can she make it more interesting. This is a great idea. These are some of the things that parent reps. can take it back to their school and discuss with the staff members. Mary Ellen said next year GATE office is doing a district wide survey and this is done every once in three years.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 P.M.