

GUSD (GES) GIFTED EDUCATION SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The GES Advisory Committee is comprised of educators, district specialists, administrators, and board members. The goals of the GES Committee are to: strengthen our ability to accommodate for unique strengths of students, increase community awareness of GUSD’s approach, and support teacher-practices of differentiation.

AGENDA for November 27th, 2018 3:30-4:30

Time	Topic/Activity	Purpose
3:30-3:35	Opening	<input type="checkbox"/> Grounding Activity
3:35-4:00	Update on GUSD Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Information Sharing <input type="checkbox"/> Information Gathering
4:00-4:10	CogAT Update	<input type="checkbox"/> Review Timeline
4:10-4:20	Site Updates	<input type="checkbox"/> Discuss ideas/input
4:25-4:30	Review Resources & Website Info.	<input type="checkbox"/> Provide Resources
4:30	Closing	



GUSD Services Update:

- Professional Development- 5 part series for 1st grade & new to GUSD (2 done)
 - done: foundations of gifted. ed, depth and complexity, universal themes – generalizing
 - to do: independent study research project/passion projects, social-emotional, differentiation
 - GUSD is one of the few districts that trains teachers and identifies for gifted learners
- Destination Imagination- Oct. 25-Feb. 23
 - Pilot year 2
 - intent of program is that parents take charge of program, so they can follow students
 - 8 of our 9 schools have teams
 - La Patera still needs a leader for their group, still looking
 - 5 parent led, 2 CTs and 1 Teacher – 7 on each team (IV 6 team) serving identified students
 - 62 GUSD students participating
 - will survey at the end to gather info (leaders, students, parents)
 - some parents put in extra time last year which made it a richer experience
- CAG Conference- Feb. 22-24, 2019
 - 57th annual conference
 - parent day is Sunday, February 24th, 2019
 - CAG is offering scholarships for students, parents, and teachers
 - 5-GES teacher reps. and Brigitte who are going will be looking at an emphasis with math
 - During the “miracle week” – teachers will add to guidebooks (math extensions) June 10 & 11t

Parent Night- October 4th

- 55 parents-was well attended, all 9 schools had representation, continue to invite all k-6
- Next one is January 17th

CogAT

- letter will go home this Friday for all 3rd graders, new GUSD students 4th-6th, and approved reassessments through district appeal process

Site Updates

- Ellwood: did robotics and had a competition, similar to Destination Imagination, youngest group at competition, not sure all students were identified, parents continuing
- GFS: 4-5th grade does a lot of differentiation for groups through math and language arts, winter music sing, ocean gardening grant – deep dive into microplastics, presentation to Foothill School about the micro plastics
- Hollister: FSEA (future scientists engineers of America) afterschool club – run by three retire engineers from Raytheon
- La Patera: kids are working on graphic novels during target time and enjoying it

Handout – Differentiation Approaches Used in Grades 2-6 Classrooms

- clear to all what is going on in classrooms
- overview for principals in Leadership so they are aware and on board

-Site Math Clubs/Superbowl team survey

- next time

