

**GUSD (GES) GIFTED EDUCATION SERVICES  
PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The GES Advisory Committee is comprised of parents, educators, district specialists, and board members. The goals of the GES Committee are to: 1) strengthen our ability to accommodate for unique strengths of students, 2) increase community awareness of GUSD’s approach, and 3) support teacher-practices of differentiation, 4) support parent education with related resources. (we added this on 9/15)

**AGENDA for September 15th, 2020  
4:15-5:15**

Time	Topic/Activity	Purpose
4:15	<b>Opening</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Review Agenda topics, notes taken/disseminated</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Welcome</b> -Great news! All 9 GUSD sites have parent representation on the GES parent committee this year.
	<b>GES in GUSD gr. K-6 this year:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● New Teachers, Clusters, small groups, GUSD Math Clubs, DI Benchmarks/ Timeline</li> </ul> <p>-GUSD hired over 20 new teachers. Brigitte is still offering the same 5-part series to the new hires; The format looks pretty different this year, think “flipped classroom.”</p> <p>-Most Gifted Identified clusters (groups of Gifted Identified students at each grade level) remained intact</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Information Sharing</b>  (See below)  <p>-Discussion about differentiating Math Club. How can we be sure we are meeting the needs of the gifted math learners when all students are invited to participate?</p> <p>- Goleta Teachers continue to provide differentiated instruction throughout their</p>

	<p>across the district, including VA and VA Flex.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Differentiated small groups are happening across the district.</li> <li>-It's more important than ever to partner with your child's teacher.</li> <li>-A District Math Club will be offered for 4th - 6th grade. There will be a parent/student information Zoom on October 1st. Interested students (and parents) should join to find out more about Math Club.</li> </ul>	<p>teaching, including Depth and Complexity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Planning to get some videos out to parents about Depth and Complexity.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>CogAT Testing, Re-testing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-All surrounding districts in the Tri-County also waiting to make a decision or postponing until next year.</li> </ul>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Information Sharing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-GUSD has not made a definitive decision about when/how to give the CogAT. The hope is that we may be able to go back in person and then the CogAT could be given in the spring. It can also be given at the beginning of the 4th grade.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Agenda Topics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>For next time</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Information Gathering</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What is the appropriate chain or system for asking certain questions about gifted education?</li> <li>- Gathering of resources for teaching 3rd tier gifted students, identified (4th - 6th) and unidentified (K - 3rd).</li> <li>-How can we get resources to parents to help support gifted learners at home?</li> </ul>
<p>5:15</p>	<p>Next Mtg. Oct. 20</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Appreciations</li></ul>	
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**Committees & Schedule for 2020-2021**

**GES Teacher Advisory Committee:**

**from 3:00-4:00**

- September 15
- October 20
- December 8
- January 12
- February 16
- April 6

**GES District Parent Advisory Council:**

**from 4:15-5:15**

- ▶ September 15
- ▶ October 20
- ▶ December 8
- ▶ February 16
- ▶ April 6

**Brigitte Haley, Differentiation Specialist**

Schools	Teacher Representatives	Parent Representatives
Brandon	Jenny Husak (5th)	Katie Joiner
El Camino	Ruthie Manzo (2nd)	Cressida Silvers
Ellwood	Jill Means (3rd)	Lisa Danhi
Foothill/GFS	Teri Briggs (4-6th)	Sarah Mills (FH) Silke Werth (GFS)
Hollister	Eric Prothero (5/6th)	Jeff Atlas/ Ericka TeSlaa
Isla Vista	Margie Ryckman (4th)	Deena Ferro
Kellogg	Sora Young (4th)	Kara Rocque
La Patera	Camille Vaughn (5th)	Greta Bruneel
Mountain View	Nate Latta (5th)	Tammy Taub Millington
Board Member Rep.		Carin Ezal
GES Advisory Council Teacher Rep.		Jill Means