

**CAPITOL REGION GATE CONSORTIUM**  
**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 4, 2010 MEETING**  
**9:00 AM**  
[Serna Center, 5735 47th Avenue in Sacramento](#)

**1. Welcome and Introductions:**

Present: Stephanie Shaughnessy (Sacramento City USD and CAG Educator Rep), Randi Heinrich (Lodi USD), Susan Macaluso (Rescue Union SD), Barbara Branch (Branch Consulting), Darlene Saunders (CAG Parent Rep), Nicole Craine (San Juan USD), Terry Thomas (ATS), Glenda Thomas, and Maureen Olsen.

**2. Business Meeting**

a. *Treasurer's Report*

The treasurer was not present, so there was no current report.

b. *Reports*

- i. *CAG Board – Stephanie Shaughnessy and Darlene Saunders*  
Board meetings are on hold because of the budget situation. Board members are communicating by email.  
Our Distinguished Service Award this year will go to GATE Psychologist Don Shirley.
- ii. *CAG PAC – Barbara Branch*  
CAG PAC will meet at the conference in March.

**3. Continuing Business and Announcements**

a. *Differentiation Certificate – Barbara Branch*

The certificate has been approved by Fresno-Pacific University. However, they need a syllabus for each of the new electives.

b. *Make-up Sessions for GATE Certificate Classes*

Twin Rivers has offered us the use of a room on days when they already have events going on. This would allow us to offer our courses to people who need one or two classes to complete the certificate. Barbara plans to schedule her class in the spring. Maureen and LaDona may also schedule classes in the spring.

**4. New Business**

a. *CAG Conference*

A few volunteers are still needed. If you can help, please contact Kim Gullo at [kgullo@tustin.k12.ca.us](mailto:kgullo@tustin.k12.ca.us)

Samples of student work illustrating differentiation (e.g. use of icons) are needed for the resource room.

b. *CRGC Conference Support*

We have had two districts apply for the conference incentive we offered. We can cover one additional group.

c. *Academic Talent Search Support*

Terry Thomas reported that ATS is up and running again this year, with the 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade program expanding to 5 one-week sessions.

They are still looking for a teacher for English Composition (AP level) for the 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade session.

They hope to offer as much financial aid as last year (c. \$40,000).

Maureen moved that we donate \$5000 to their scholarship program. Susan Macaluso seconded the motion. The motion carried with two abstentions.

Barbara will contact Kathy Patterson (Treasurer) to issue a check.

## 5. Discussion Topic

*What's Next for GATE?*

We discussed the future of GATE in our state, and shared ideas for supporting GATE students during these difficult times. Two key ideas are promoting differentiation and educating parents.

The challenge of getting parents to participate in training of any kind was discussed and the point was made that personal contact works best – emails or phone calls. This is very labor-intensive but also very effective.

Barbara proposed that the CRGC develop a statement that addresses effective services for GATE students in hard times. She will prepare an outline and seek ideas from us.

## 6. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned. Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, April 15** at 9 am at the Serna Center. This one-time change from our first Thursday schedule is due to Spring break.