

CAPITOL REGION GATE CONSORTIUM
MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 1, 2009 MEETING
9:00 AM
Serna Center, 5735 47th Avenue in Sacramento

1. Welcome and Introductions

Present: Dr. Barbara Clark (Consultant), Linda Cook (SJUSD), Ginny Bateman (FCUSD), Susan Macaluso (Rescue Union), Stephanie Shaughnessy (SCUSD), Bob Capp (Westlake Charter School, Natomas), Randi Heinrich (Lodi USD), Veronica Michael (Esparto SD), Michelle Seijas (Woodland USD), Wendy Peacock (Twin Rivers USD), and Maureen Olsen (Galt ESD).

2. Business Meeting

- a. Treasurer's Report: \$647.14 in Checking; \$14,070.55 and 20.89 in two Savings accounts.
- b. Reports:
 - i. CAG Board – Stephanie Shaughnessy
At the most recent CAG Board meeting, the state of the economy and its impact on gifted education and on conference attendance was discussed. Last year's attendance was down about 50% and there are major concerns about this year's attendance in Sacramento. This is a concern because CAG's income is derived mainly from conference attendance, and there is a real possibility that the organization will have to close its doors if this conference does not pay for itself. Since most districts have cut all travel and conference support we discussed ways to help:
Parent groups may sponsor a teacher(s) to attend
Community sponsors
Get a famous spokesperson
President of CAG to send letters to district Superintendents
emphasizing the value of the professional development the conference offers
CRGC can sponsor attendees
Superintendents can attend for free

Maureen Olsen moved that CRGC sponsor up to 15 free registrations to be offered to districts in our region that send two people. The third person will be free. Limited to one free registration per district on a first come first served basis. Ginny Bateman seconded and the motion passed. Barbara Branch will work out the details with the CAG office and send out the information to us.

The conference needs presenters so please consider applying.

CAG is now doing a regional newsletter instead of the Intercom. Districts should send their information to Stephanie.

- ii. CAG PAC – Barbara Branch
Barbara reported that Sandi Ishi of CAGPAC is keeping members posted on activity to promote political support.

3. Continuing Business and Announcements

- a. Differentiation Certificate – Barbara Branch
Nancy Craig is working with Fresno-Pacific University to develop this certificate program.
- b. Make-up Sessions for GATE Certificate Classes – Barbara contacted Susan at the CAG office and they do not have room for classes, so will have to find another location.
- c. CRGC Speaker – tabled till next meeting.

4. New Business

- a. CAG Conference - Volunteers are needed, so please consider helping out!
- b. Affiliate Dues – Barbara has asked our treasurer to pay the Affiliate Dues which are due in December.

5. Discussion Topic

- a. What are we doing for parents this year? Please bring ideas to our next meeting.
- b. National Board Certification. Ginny Bateman announced that there is room in The classes Folsom-Cordova offers if other districts would like to send people. Contact Ginny for more information.

6. Adjourn

Our next meeting will be at the same location at 9 am on November 4.

Minutes taken by Maureen Olsen

7. Discussion Topic

In these difficult times it is important that we help parents and build up their support of gifted education since parent voices are heard more readily than ours.

Some ideas were discussed and it was decided that at our next meeting we will share parent support ideas, current activities and plans. Wendy Peacock suggested that we might as a Consortium pool our resources and share responsibility for educating and supporting parents in our whole region. This idea will be considered at our next meeting.