

ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Gifted & Talented Education (GATE)
Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting
District Office-Conference Room J2 & J3
Monday, September 19, 2016 6:30-8:00 PM
Minutes

Present: S. Castillo, M. Fernandez, L. Guthrie, W. Nelson, C. Peng, G. Rehl, V. Sy, M. Venckus, S. Wong, S. Haddock, D. Thompson, M. Ware, A. Stanal, E. Trujillo, L. Lopez, G. Moreno, N. Eickhoff, R. Garcia, S. De La O, R. Lau, C. Yun, L. Cheah, K. Hermreck, H. Kim, L. Rhode, S. Little, C. Gerges, D. Gomez, F. Shelden, S. Meagher, J. DeLeon, K. Miller, J. Kiflezghie

Guest: Dr. Jennifer Bourgeois

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Cathleen Corella.

Welcome-Introductions

All present introduced themselves with their names and the schools they represented.

Approval of Minutes

First motion was given to approve the May 23, 2016 minutes as presented. A second motion was then given. No changes were needed. Motion carries.

Presentation

Presentation on the OUSD Advanced Placement Program Data and Analysis by Dr. Jennifer Bourgeois

She encouraged parents to have their children create an account on <https://www.collegeboard.org/>. It connects students to college success and opportunity. These are some of the resources that can be found here.

- SAT (Max score is 1600 with an essay option)
 - SAT Registration
 - SAT Practice Test
 - SAT school day: 9th graders takes the PSAT 8/9 at school on selected dates. The PSAT 8/9 is a test that tests the same skills and knowledge as the SAT. It helps students and teachers figure out what areas need to be worked on most.
 - The PSAT/NMSQT (10th and 11th graders) and PSAT 10 (10th graders) are the same test, offered at different times of year. They are both great practice for the

SAT because they test the same skills and knowledge as the SAT. They both provide score reports you can use to personalize your SAT practice.

- AP Central
 - AP Calendar (exams are the first 2 weeks of May)
 - AP Practice Exams
 - How to prepare for the exam
 - Based on your results students get linked to Khan Academy (a teaching tool used in elementary classes) to help in needed areas
- All resources are completely free including Khan Academy

There are annual awards given for AP tests. There were 512 total Scholar Awards for the OUSD in 2015 and 570 total Scholar Awards for last year for the OUSD.

- AP Scholar: a score of 3 (the max score is 5) or higher on 3 or more exams
- AP Scholar with Honors: an average of 3.25 on all AP exams taken and a score of 3 or higher on 4 or more exams
- AP Scholar with Distinction: an average of 3.5 on all AP exams taken and a score of 3 or higher on 5 or more exams
- National AP Scholar: an average of 4 on all AP exams taken and a score of 4 or higher on 8 or more exams

We looked at the district totals for each AP subject exam by score, as well as by individual high schools in the OUSD. Some AP exams are offered as early as 9th grade like Human Geography and European History, but the bulk of AP exams are in the 11th grade. That is why it's so important for 11th graders to find a balance, since they tend to have a lot on their plate if they're AP-bound. One of the toughest AP exams is Physics, Electricity and Magnetism. One of the easier AP exams is Statistics. AP Computer Science is a new AP exam offered so there is no data available on it. Computer science is an area that provides an opportunity to be innovative. <https://code.org/> is a website being used in the classrooms by elementary schools to teach kids about computer science.

Students can sign up to take any AP test and the school will provide the test even if they are not enrolled in that AP class.

The number of students taking AP exams is increasing from year to year. There were 851 AP exams taken at Canyon High School in the 2014/2015 school year, which increased to 922 in the 2015/2016 school year. At El Modena High School, AP exams increased from 598 in 2014/2015 to 646 in 2015/2016. At Orange High School, AP exams increased from 365 in 2014/2015 to 428 in 2015/2016. At Villa Park High School, AP exams increased from 687 in 2014/2015 to 749 in 2015/2016. These increases are due to counselors and teachers working together to provide extra opportunities for kids to learn.

Resources:

<http://www.orangeusd.k12.ca.us/>

<https://www.collegeboard.org/>

<https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>

<https://code.org/>

Curriculum Office Report

Cathleen Corella introduced Laura Kresl who reviewed the GATE screening protocol. Students can be tested in Grades 2nd through 5th. Every 3rd grade student is automatically tested in the public system unless the parents opt out. This year parents and teachers who want to recommend any students for the GATE program can do so digitally. You simply go to the OUSD website: <http://www.orangeusd.k12.ca.us/>, click on Educational Services under the Divisions tab, click on GATE under the Curriculum & Instruction Heading, and finally click on Parent or Teacher referral.

School Reports

Members shared the activities going on their individual schools.

Public Comment

None