

Fontana Unified School District
GATE Parent Advisory Council Meeting
February 23, 2009

Minutes

1. Meeting called to order by Brandy Segal at 6:10 P.M.
2. The minutes from the December 8, 2008 meeting were read.

A motion to accept the minutes with a correction of the date on item 9 to read as *February 23, 2009* was made by Cheryl Hawkins from Citrus Elementary and seconded by Silvia Zumaya.
3. Ms. Eva Fritsch gave a budget update after several parents stated they thought the GATE Programs had been terminated. She explained that all after school programs had been halted due to a freeze on funds by the district. This might have affected GATE enrichment programs but children should still be receiving differentiated curriculum in their daily classes. She went on to explain that with the new state budget GATE funds come under Tier 3 which means the school district has complete flexibility with those funds and that the school board understands all levels of education and will hopefully fund the GATE program at some level.
4. Brandy Segal asked audience for suggestions on what the role and responsibilities of a GATE representative should be. These suggestions were written down and will be narrowed down to the key points that make the position informative and accountable.
5. Ms. Eva Fritsch gave an overview of a GATE child which highlighted the traits of gifted children such as:
 - longer attention span
 - ability to pick up new things quickly
 - high level of curiosity,
 - wide range of interests to name few.
6. A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 P.M. was made by Elizabeth Martinez from Truman Middle School and seconded by Maria Presiado from Sequoia Middle School.

Submitted by Isabel Costello-historian (in the absence of the secretary)