

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

The GES Advisory Committee is composed 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, 3) support teacher-practices of differentiation, and 4) support parent education with related resources.

**AGENDA for April 6, 2021
4:15-5:15**

Time	Topic/Activity	Purpose
4:15	Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Review Agenda 	<input type="checkbox"/> Welcome
	Communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Websites & Emails ● Summer Enrichment ● Parent Education/Info. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3 x yr. each trimester 	<input type="checkbox"/> Information Sharing <input type="checkbox"/> Gather Input
	2021-2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Differentiation ● “GE” instead of “GES” 	<input type="checkbox"/> Information Sharing <input type="checkbox"/> Gather Input
5:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Appreciations 	<input type="checkbox"/> Gratitude

Parking Lot for questions:

APRIL Meeting Notes:

- **District emails:** Parent Reps will have a generic district email assigned to you so parents from your site can reach out to you.
- **Summer Enrichment:** 2 teachers will be teaming to provide Zoom-based June 14th - July 9th (with exception of July 5th). Still awaiting their proposal for exact programming details -- Might be 2 week sessions or 1 week sessions. Will target exiting 4th and 5th grade students. They want to have a virtual gallery or podcast showcase at the end. Enrollment likely handled via Parent Square. Why on Zoom? The Zoom format allows us to service more students. There are also space limitations for in-person. Concerns: many parents may not want their child to be on Zoom over the summer. Scheduling might be difficult. Suggestion to make the camp length 1 week vs. 2 week sessions.
- **Parent Information Nights** will be coming back next year
- **Brigitte** will be holding meetings with newly identified 6th grade students' families this May.
- **CogAT** - 6th grade retesting will happen with Brigitte in-person in May and both the 3rd and 4th grade cohorts will be tested next year (timeline TBD).
- **Noted:** Teacher education likely needed to address lingering effects of social-emotional issues related to Covid/remote learning
- **Introduction** of the MTSS Gifted Intervention doc.
- **Discussion** of Flex students being far beyond peers when returning to in-person learning next year. Many worked at a faster pace and finished year-long units by March.
- **Can teachers** find a way to challenge students who are working beyond grade level academically, to work on their attitudes and approaches to learning (“school skills”) during

certain times of the day? (For example, if they are beyond proficient in the math skill being taught, a student could focus their energy on sitting still or not calling out, etc. Goal-setting suggested, skill specific)

- Confusion with the term Gifted Education Services. Should we change to just GE - Gifted Education? Or GES - Gifted Education Support? GE alone sounds like General Ed., but all agreed that GE Service is confusing and that Gifted Education Support is a better title.

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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 7
- ▶ April 6

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 Patena	Camille Vaughn (5th)	Greta Brunel
Mountain View	Nate Latta (5th)	Tammy Taub Millington
Board Member- President	Carin Ezal (2020) Vicki Ben-Yaacov (2021)	
GES Advisory Council Teacher Rep.	Jill Means	