The meeting was convened at 6:30 p.m. at the Ballard Parent Center Auditorium.

Introductions: Elizabeth Nagy introduced herself as Chair, Heidi Atchison as Co-Chair/Member, and Katie Anderson as past Co-Chair of the GATE DAC. She also let parents know that a translator was available as well as childcare for those who were interested. Elizabeth surveyed the audience to see how many parents were attending for the first time. She also asked who has students who are seminar identified and who has students that are cluster identified; who has elementary, middle, and high school students. She also asked who was there as a community member to support GATE.

GATE Report: Stephanie Ceminsky, Program Manager, gave a program update. Items included: Distinguished Lecturer Series presenter Dr. Ron Beghetto, San Diego State’s Masters in Teaching with GATE emphasis program, and Intent to Enroll form process.

Identification Tool Update: Carrie Rea, Program Manager for the Office of Related Services provided an update on the identification process and multiple matrixes. The new test has been loaded onto all computers at the sites. Universal testing will be proctored at the 2nd grade level as well as a 5th grade re-test option. A principal’s update was collaborated between The GATE office and Office of Related Services to provide leadership with current information. Carrie Rea also discussed options that served as factors.

LCAP Update: Stephanie Ceminsky, Program Manager, provided a summary of what topics were included at the January 26, 2016, LCAP presentation. A handout was provided that included the summary as well as a tool for questions and input. Questions, comments, and feedback will be shared with the department overseeing these efforts.

Presentation: Mary Anne Hawke, Member, shared a presentation on Effective Communication with other GATE parents. Tips & Tricks for effective GATE representation was presented.

Roundtable: Elizabeth asked the group for thoughts, feelings, and questions on what they were thinking right now. The list was generated on chart paper.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.