

*Grandview High School
GECO General Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2003*

The following GECO Executive Board members were present: Trina Donovan, Sharon Withrow, Alison House, Maureen Lookabill, Christine Atwood, and Debbie Diaz. Grandview administration representative was Dr. Harry Bull. Parents attending were Garry Brewer, Mary Kirkpatrick, Rhonda Canino, Cindy Nelson, Sue Sandstrom, Marly Dragoo, Diane Loup, and Theresa Collins. Invited speaker was Brenda Holben. There were two representatives from Student Leadership.

Sharon Withrow called the GECO general meeting to order.

Treasurer's Report: Debbie Diaz reviewed the updated Financial Statement and Profit and Loss Budget versus Actual statement dated February 17, 2003. The total year-to-date gross income is \$33,137. The total year-to-date expenses are \$6,881. The total year-to-date net income is \$26,256. The After Prom 2003 budgeted expenses are \$20,000. The treasurer's report was reviewed and approved.

Debbie Diaz reported that the After Prom donations and Fundraiser income totaled \$15,647. The Fundraiser expenses totaled \$4,664.73. The net funds raised totaled \$10,982.27. She commended Alison House, Jean Turner, Diane Loup, and Patricia Al-Absi on a job well done in these tough economic times.

Secretary's Report: Christine Atwood presented the minutes from the January general meeting. These were reviewed and approved.

Speaker – Brenda Holben: The Cherry Creek School District Prevention Coordinator, Brenda Holben, was the invited speaker at the general meeting. She spoke of the importance of asset building in our children not only within the school setting, but also within the entire community. She also passed out flyers promoting the 4th Annual Cherry Creek School District Youth/Adult Summit which will be held on Saturday, March 22nd, from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Grandview. The purpose of the conference is to build trusting relationships between youth and adults. The Master of Ceremonies will be Jim Benemann of Channel 9 News and the Keynote Speaker will be Mark Scharenbroich, a writer, performer, and comedian.

Administration Report: Dr. Harry Bull reported that the proposed school budget reductions for next fiscal year 2003-2004 were unanimously approved. The reductions combined with cost containment measures will result in a projected savings of \$3.1 million. There will probably be a bond or budget election called for next year.

Dr. Bull also reported that the estimated number of students at Grandview next year will be 2465. The actual number may be higher.

Some teachers and students may wish to attend the newest Cherry Creek high school, Cherokee Trail. Dr. Bull favors encouraging any teachers or students who may wish to transfer to Cherokee Trail as a way of showing Grandview's support for the new school.

CSAP test dates will be on two days, March 11th and 12th, for all freshman and sophomore students. All students and staff will eat lunch during one hour on those days. On March 12th, the students will be finished at 1:20 p.m. Juniors and seniors will not report on those days.

Dr. Bull mentioned that there was concern raised that the drought may affect school sports next year as athletes will not be able to play on drought-affected fields.

Dr. Bull also explained the Snow Delay/Late Start schedule. The snow delay schedule will be the same as the late start day schedule which means that students must report to their first class at 8:10 a.m. Having only two different schedules for parents and students to remember, a regular start schedule and a late start schedule, will result in less confusion for everyone. The issue was raised as there was some confusion during the first week of February when there were two snow delay days in one week.

Student Leadership Report: It was reported that the Spirit Week and pep rally went well during the second week of February. The winter dance held on February 8th was well attended with approximately 400 students present.

Special Committee Reports:

Teacher of the Year Awards: The books on John Schultz and Scott Bond were submitted to the district on February 14th. We had at least 25 wonderful letters for each teacher and a good share of them were from students. The teachers will be presented with their book with these letters around the beginning of May. District events that are coming up include the Tea/Reception for all honored teachers and their friends and family. It will be held at GHS this year on Thursday, April 10th, at 3:45. The banquet will be held Wednesday, May 14th, at the Marriott Tech Center. Tickets for this event will be about \$26 each and can be purchased in the main office.

CSAP tests: The Staff Appreciation committee has been notified of the CSAP test dates and will prepare lunch for the staff on those days. Volunteers will be called to sell lunch to the testing students.

Senior Scholarships: Sharon Withrow reported that the Senior Scholarship applications will be available in the Post Graduate center on Monday, March 3rd. The deadline of March 28th for returning the applications may be extended to the week after spring break.

After Prom: Josephine Moore has volunteered to be the After Prom chairperson. The assistant chairperson will be Jeri Floyd. A meeting of interested volunteers was held just prior to the general meeting. The After Prom has a budget of \$20,000, but it is expected that the event should come in under budget. The theme for After Prom will be Beach Party.

Nominating Committee: A committee will be formed to nominate candidates for the 2003-2004 executive board. Dr. Harry Bull as principal will be the designated administrator. Maureen Lookabill and Sandy Renne have volunteered to be the two

executive board members on the committee. At the general meeting, Diane Loup and Theresa Collins volunteered to be the general members on the committee.

PIN: Marly Drago attended the PIN meeting held on February 4th. Kay Fair from CCSD Board of Education and Brenda Holben, the CCSD Prevention Coordinator, were the speakers. Dr. Joan Pinhas, a licensed psychologist, will be the speaker at the meeting held on March 4th. She will speak about adolescent and adult eating disorders.

Legislative Network: Sue Sandstrom attended the meeting held on January 21st. The school district budget cuts were discussed. Cherry Creek School District will be affected by the cuts, but it is hoped the district will not be as affected as some other districts since it is in good financial condition. Sue has spoken to Mike Coffman, the State Treasurer, who has called for setting up standards for school budgeting in order to avoid another situation such as that which occurred in the St. Vrain School District. The Day at the Capitol with the legislators was held on February 18th.

Next GECO general meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, 2003, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Lookabill
Secretary