

**Grandview High School
GECO General Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2003**

Subject to Approval at the General Meeting in September, 2003

In attendance: Sharon Withrow, Trina Donovan, Mary Jane Connolly, Theresa Collins, Sue Sandstrom, Alison House, Debbie Diaz, Jeanne Piper, Harry Bull, Margo Miller, Eric Withrow, Cindy Nelson, Mary Ann Neumann, Carlyn Canady, Berthie Ruoff, and 8 students representing student leadership.

Trina Donovan called the meeting to order. Everyone was welcomed and introductions were made.

Minutes: The minutes from the April 15 meeting were presented for all to review. Sharon Withrow made a motion to approve the minutes and Debbie Diaz seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Ann Neumann presented copies of the financial statements. She commented that most of the After Prom expenses were in; we still have to pay senior scholarships and grants. We are in good shape financially. Sharon Withrow made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Cindy Nelson seconded the motion.

The list of grants that the executive board had recommended was passed out to all for review. Sharon Withrow asked for a vote on the grants. All approved. They are as follows:

REQUESTOR	GRANT REQUEST	BENEFICIARY	DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
Jan Justis	Marie Curie program	Theater & chemistry students	Theater	\$300	\$300
Barbara Parrish	Toilet training program	8 ILC students	ILC (Special Ed)	\$250	\$250
Beth Giles	"In Grand Style"	600 Freshmen and new students	Media	\$1500	\$1000
Wynn Gandra	2 Electric Balances	1200 science students	Science	\$393 - \$786	\$786
Beth Giles	35 Spanish books/novels	Approx 65% of students	Media	\$500	\$250
Beth Giles	26 – 52 foreign language novels	42 ELA students & others	Media	\$500	\$250
Jenn Meyer	Guest speakers	270 – 300 health	Health	\$150 - \$600	\$150

		students			
Beth Giles	Digital Camera	All students & staff	Media	\$500	Pending
Totals				\$4,936	\$2,986

Election of Officers for the 2003 – 2004 Executive Board: Maureen Lookabill asked for any additional nominations from the floor. Since there were none, a voice vote was taken to elect the candidates for office. All approved. The officers for next year will be:

Presidents: Sharon Withrow and Trina Donovan
 1st Vice Presidents: Margo Miller and Carlyn Canady
 2nd Vice Presidents: Alison House and Garry Brewer
 Secretary: Berthie Ruoff and Beth Spalding-Laverenz
 Treasurer: Mary Ann Neumann

There is still a vacancy in the treasurer position that needs to be filled. Prior to this meeting, Debbie Diaz decided that she would not be able to serve next year so her name was removed from the ballot.

Cindy Nelson mentioned that the names of the candidates should have been posted for 30 days prior to the election. At the April 15 meeting the names were announced; the names had also been submitted for publication in the Grandview Gazette. However, there was some sort of mix up since the GECO page appeared that the same as last month's.

Principal's report: Harry Bull thanked the parents for the After Prom party which he thought was a real success.

Other news:

- The "Ultimate Frisbee" team won the state championship.
- James Begley was the shot and discus winner at the state track meet
- Graduation is Friday, May 23. There will be 557 graduates. There were 434 cords distributed to students to wear at graduation for GPA, faculty and department awards – quite an accomplished class. There will be 9 valedictorians; several graduates are graduating early, there are a couple 5th year students and one 6th year student. 23 seniors signed athletic scholarships.
- Next year's class schedule will be different. There will be 2 minutes added to classes; this buys some time if there is a snow day.
- The late start day will move to Wednesday for next year. This is the day that Smoky Hill, Eaglecrest and Cherokee Trail will use and promotes consistency among the other high schools in the area.
- A delayed start day will always start at 8:10 a.m. whether it is the Wednesday late start day or a snow delayed start. If there is a snow day, the following day will be whatever would have been the day school was cancelled.
- Students will be notified of the school schedule changes with their checkout package.
- Academic stand down will still occur; the day of the week is still to be determined.

- Final exams will be Wednesday through Friday, June 4 – 6. Friday will be the last day for teachers. Teachers will have to grade exams right away on Friday to get checked out for the summer. There will not be a makeup exam day. Teachers will have to give an alternate exam early or give an exam at a scheduled time during the summer. In the latter case, the student would take an incomplete on his/her report card and get the grade in the fall when the teacher grades the exam.
- The parking fee will still be \$50 which is set by the Board of Education. GHS will work with students if they have trouble with this expense.
- Next year all students will stand and recite the pledge of allegiance; this is a new state law.
- Next year, they are going to try to transition to video announcements three times a week.

Legislative Network: Sue Sandstrom reported on the last meeting she attended which was held on April 21. The discussion mainly covered pending legislation. Starting with the class of 2007, students will be required to take a civics class before they can graduate. Although we hear about budget cuts, the budget per student looks like it may be slightly higher than this year. However, more cuts may come.

Student Leadership:

- The prom, senior day and exit assembly went well.
- The student leadership class will be limited to 50 students next year.
- Regarding the After Prom being off-site, they thought it was nice to be somewhere outside of school. Driving and parking were the biggest problems they encountered. They had no issue with paying \$5 for attending the After Prom party.
- The prom facility – Wings Over the Rockies – was too big and the concrete floors were difficult for dancing.
- When asked for feedback on having dinner at the prom, the students weren't very receptive to the idea.

GECO Webpage: The GECO web address is www.geco-ptco.com and was designed and has been maintained by Eric Withrow. For his efforts, Eric was presented with a check for \$150 and a 2003 Wolf card.

Marquee Grant Proposal: A GHS parent, who works for Wells Fargo, notified the school about grants that the bank offers. Cindy Nelson has the application and with the help of Tiana Nelson, will write the grant request. In the registration packet that will go to families in the summer, there will be a notice about the marquee with a request for funding support. The fund currently totals \$19,805.61. Mary Ann Neumann proposed that GECO add another \$5000 to the marquee fund this year. All present at the meeting voted in favor of this; the fund will now be up to \$24,805.61. The senior class gift to the school is the school song on the wall so we can't expect funding for the marquee from them.

Volunteer Breakfast: Thursday, May 22 is the volunteer breakfast from 7 – 9 a.m. All are welcome.

Registration: Registration for school will be August 11 – 14 in the morning. Late registration will be August 20. Sharon Withrow passed around a page for those available to sign up to help out with this process.

Planners: Trina Donovan signed the contract with Premier for planners for next year. She ordered 1500. They will cost \$2.77 each. The deadline for the school handbook to be inserted into the planners is due June 1st.

GAIT Proposal: It has been proposed that the GECO and GAIT meetings for next year be on the same night. Monday may be the best day to avoid conflicts with other high school activities. The benefits to this seem to make this a good idea. A schedule for the meetings with topics for the year should be set early so the dates can be saved by interested parties. Trina Donovan and/or Sharon Withrow will contact John Walker to discuss further.

After Prom: Debbie Diaz noted that there were over 900 students pre-registered with over 1000 actually attending. We ended slightly over budget but a good evening was had by all accounts.

Fundraiser and After Prom – 2003 – 2004: Cindy Nelson has volunteered to chair the event next year, hopefully, with Josephine Moore. They want to have it at the school again. Since decorating is the most time consuming part, they would down play that aspect. Mike Nelson has volunteered to coordinate lighting as the major source of decorating.

They would like to also work on the fundraiser and have it a “Taste of After Prom” so parents know what the After Prom is all about. Cindy mentioned that it would be beneficial to set a date for the fundraiser on the school calendar and keep it that same weekend each year so families would plan around the date. At the fundraiser, people can choose to sponsor a game for After Prom rather than or in addition to having an auction. There can also be a sign up that night for volunteers for the After Prom.

The kids seem to enjoy After Prom no matter where it is held. Having a method for collecting the pros and cons about the Prom and After Prom would be helpful.

Other:

- May 28 the school will have a calendar meeting; dates and times for the fundraiser will be reviewed then.
- Teachers retiring next year include: Paul Smith, Sue Armstrong, and Karen Matyk
- Spirit week will be two weeks before fall break next year.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Lookabill