

Grandview High School
PTO-GECO General Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2003
7:00pm

Present at the meeting were: Sharon Withrow, Trina Donovan, Margo Miller, Diane Loup, Monica Baham, Mary Ann Neumann, Harry Bull, Richard High, Sheila High, George P. Burdell, Sean Diehl, Josephine Moore, Cathy Ogg, Heather Collins, Berthie Ruoff, Susan Grandchamp and Beth Spalding Laverenz.

Trina Donovan called the meeting to order at 7:10pm. GAIT and PTO-GECO met together for the first part of the meeting and split into 2 different groups after the Principal's report. All of the attendees introduced themselves.

Student Leadership: Two of our Students were present to update us on Homecoming. Over 1600 tickets were sold. Spirit week was a success. Much participation on decorating hallways from all grades and stayed up all week. There was a lot of positive feedback from teachers, staff and students on Spirit Week. Assembly was good and represented a lot of students from different areas; i.e. academics, sports, arts, etc. The Bonfire and Barbecue were also a success, and included the community and younger students as well. Next year, the school may have to consider having more room than just the cafeteria for the dance because it was very crowded.

Principal's Report: Enrollment update – 2503 total students, which is 38 students more than projected. Pleased with Homecoming – the best yet! Fun, well organized, well structured. There were NO behavioral issues at all the week of Homecoming/Spirit Week. This shows the students are taking great pride in there school. Choir concerts have been outstanding. This is Paul Smith's last year and Harry recommends everyone try to watch a performance. Fall sports have had a great season. The big football game Friday is Grandview vs. Mullen.

Pledge of Allegiance is every Wednesday, two minutes into first period. Students are invited to participate or not, but need to respect each other's decision.

Discussion on AYP, Adequate Yearly Progress, has a lot of challenges ahead. Much of the criteria will have to be adjusted for the program to work. Most schools will probably not demonstrate AYP including GHS. Remember to mail in your election ballot.

Bruce Jansen commented on how he was very impressed by Wednesday mornings and how powerful a time that is for teachers. Also, Mr. Visser commented what a very positive time for teachers to learn new ideas, to share new tricks, really enhance professionalism.

GAIT and PTO-GECO separated into two groups.

Poinsettia Sales: Susan Grandchamp, committee chairman spoke. The sale profit goes into the general budget. Two people will be set up at conferences to take orders. Prices start at \$7.00, \$16.00 and up to \$26.00. We will have wholesaler include sales tax so we will not have to file separately. Unfortunately prices were left out in Grandview Gazette, but will be corrected in the next issue. The poinsettias will be delivered December 5th, from noon to 6:30pm.

Turn in forms to GECO box and extra forms are there as well.

Meeting Minutes: Minor correction 44 students are at prep school, so total number different. No reason to change minutes. Sharon Withrow motioned to approve the September, 2003 minutes. Trina Donovan seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Ann Neumann reports that the bulk of the student directory money is in, although the number of directories does not look right and she will be looking into this matter. Some of the monies spent the past month include: community caring, contributions to Cherry Creek School to support bond election, and a gift to Cherokee Trail. PTO-GECO will be asking for unused grant money back from last year and will roll it into this year's budget. Harry Bull will make sure all reimbursements to school from GECO were made for grants. Sharon Withrow motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Berthie Ruoff seconded the motion.

Trina Donovan noted that she was concerned with the Grandview Gazette. The GECO letter looked different than what had been submitted and was mixed up with the Peakview craft fair publicity, prices were left out of the Poinsettia order sheet, and the article on "Taste of After-Prom" was buried on page 12 in the back of the publication. In addition, the graphics had been left off and the article was not printed in same manner in which it was originally done. Harry Bull will try to work out the quirks for future newsletters. The next newsletter will be published at the end of the week, to be mailed November 1st. Remember to plan copy for 2 months out.

Taste of Afterprom: Josephine Moore reports goal is to raise more than \$28,000.00. Invitations to event went out 4 weeks prior to event. No phone calls are to be made until after election on Nov. 4, 2003. Selling 25 books of 10 tickets @ \$100.00 a piece. Need to sell all 250 tickets and will profit \$13,000.00. Tickets to event are \$10.00 to get in and \$10.00 for spaghetti dinner per person. To date, 12 raffle tickets have been sold and 5 tickets to event. Josephine introduces Sean Diehl from Grand Timber Lodge who wants to donate vacation ownership in Breckenridge, CO. at fundraiser. Persons would buy a vacation certificate for \$50.00 which would entitle them to 3 days, 2 nights at a hotel in Breckenridge, CO. Upon 72 hour receipt GTL would then turn around and give GECO the \$50.00 as a donation. Within 21 days after purchasing, if purchaser schedules a booking, then an additional \$50.00 would either go back to purchaser at time of presentation or could be donated back to GECO. Once purchaser goes to presentation of GTL in Breckenridge, then another \$50.00 will be donated to GHS-GECO. A potential total amount of \$100- \$150.00 dollars could be donated to GECO from every purchaser.

Purchaser must meet certain criteria, have an income of \$60,000.00 or more a year, married, and come with spouse to presentation of GTL.

After many comments on GTL, pro's and con's Board running out of time and decided that they would have to look further into the matter before final approval could be given.

Parent's Council: Diane Loup reported Parent's Council Board will not give 50cents per pupil allowance which they have done in the past years. This year is a grant process due November 7th and there will only be an amount of 25cents issued per student. Diane plans to work on this grant and total amount would be \$625.00 to school.

Marquee: Harry Bull reported still waiting on large donation for Marquee. Looking into some legality issues and advertising guidelines.

Student Directories: Sharon Withrow reported there are about 500-600 directories left to distribute. Cost \$1.23 each book to GECO.

Student Planners: Publisher would like a commitment for next year and cost of books to GECO for next year would be \$2.99 each with inserts.

Parent Teacher Conferences: Nov. 5th and Nov. 6th, 2003. Tables will be set up for GECO, A Taste of Afterprom, Poinsetta Sales, Teacher Awards, and Staff Appreciation. Dinners will be provided for teachers both nights. The first night will be subs and the second night a potluck.

Legislative Network: Representative Sue Sandstrom reported on bus tour. They had a very good turnout.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Spalding Laverenz