

Grandview High School
PTCO-GECO General Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2004
7:00 p.m.

Present at the meeting were: Sharon Withrow, Monica Baham, Bruce Jansen, Kurt Wollenweber, Mary Ann Neumann, Harry Bull, Garry Brewer, Trina Donovan, Alison House, Carlyn Canady, 3 students from Student Leadership & Beth Spalding Laverenz.

Trina Donovan called the meeting to order. She welcomed everyone and all of the attendees introduced themselves.

Student Leadership: The student leadership representatives gave a report on the upcoming Senior activities on May 20th. The Battle of the Bands concert, held on Thursday, April 15th, was very successful. The concert is a fundraiser to benefit One Life Revolution, an organization to help AIDS victims in Africa. Prom preparation is going very well. Prom tickets will be on sale for 3 weeks before the event on May 22nd. A Blood drive will be held on Friday, April 23rd. New Student Leadership Officers have been voted in for the next school year.

Principal's Report: Principal Harry Bull reported that ACT tests will be given to all Junior students on April 28th. All other students will have a late start that day. We did have a Junior student who had a perfect SAT score this year! Postings are up for next year's dean position. Over 40 applications have been received for the position. Brad Bayer will be moving to Assistant Principal at Campus Middle School. Kurt Wollenweber will be running the selection process. Other teaching positions are also available. Ellie Smukler, Registrar, had a fantastic year with 94% of master scheduling completed without any complications. Congrats! Power School, a new computer program supplying all student information system, should be up and running next fall. Parents will have the opportunity to check grades, assignments, and attendance on-line. Harry is very excited about this new program which should change the culture of the school immediately. It will be a huge transition. Pin numbers will have to be given out, most likely at student check-in this fall. There will be one additional double classroom mobile this fall, maybe two, that would make a total of 4 mobile classrooms. There will not be any new out of district students this year unless they are prior students. There will be school of choice from within the district.

GAIT members split off.

Minutes: All reviewed the minutes from the March 16th General Board meeting. Sharon Withrow motioned to approve the minutes and Alison House seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Ann Neumann reports;
\$600.00 – Additional funds to After-Prom thanks to T.J. West for the poem he wrote about the dangers of drunk driving. The award was granted by Amica Insurance

Company. We met or exceeded fund raising in all areas except for poinsettia sales this year. Budgets are all well up to this point. Only activity is After-Prom at present. GECO recommended teacher grant requests were discussed and approved. Garry Brewer motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report and Carlyn Canady seconded the motion. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Change to By-laws: A motion was made by Monica Baham and seconded by Beth Spalding Laverenz to delete article VI of the bylaws;

“A member of the executive board should not also serve concurrently as a member of the executive board of the district council.”

There should not be any conflict of interest because there is no money issued from the Parents' Council. This change will be posted for 30 days on the website and then can be voted on.

Marquee Update: Construction will begin April 29th on electrical and brick work. Marquee should be up and running by May 10th, 2004. Qwest has donated all their work.

After Prom: Volunteers are all in place. The budget was approved to give an additional \$500.00 from PTCO-GECO plus an additional \$600.00 that has been awarded from Amica Insurance. If anyone would like to help with decorations, the committee will be working on Friday, May 21st from 3:30 to 8:00pm and again on Saturday, May 22nd from 8:00am until finished. Ficus trees are needed for decorations. Cindy Nelson thanks the executive board for all their help and support.

Thursday, May 13th is a very busy evening. Harry Bull will be attending Senior Award Night at GHS. Bruce Jensen, Monica Baham and Beth Spalding Laverenz will be attending the Teacher of the Year Awards at the Marriott honoring Brad Humphries and Tod McKercher from GHS. Kurt Wollenweber will be attending the Golden Heart Recipient to recognize Roger Trimmer.

Senior Scholarships: Senior Scholarships were awarded to Erin Butler, Kimberly Josselyn, Lindsey Plessman, Amanda Seib, and Mikela Sutrina. Each recipient will receive a \$1000.00 scholarship to the school of their choice. Congrats!!!

Volunteer Breakfast: Wednesday, June 2nd from 7-9am in the Media Center. Everyone is to call their committee chairpersons to pass the word. Sylvester, the coffee man, will be there.

Fund Raiser 2004-2005: Heritage Eagle Bend is the selected location for the fundraiser for next fall. The date is set as November, 13th, 2004. A \$250 deposit will be put in place for the event. A committee chairperson is still needed for this event. GECO would like to put a flyer in the registration package for next year's fundraiser. GECO may have to pay some amount towards postage. Also, GECO would like to put a line on next fall's fee sheet for registration asking for donation/contribution towards after prom.

Question asked by parent Terry Bradshaw why essentials level classes cover only 3 core classes; math, English and science, but not social studies. Harry is considering adding additional classes next year and to include social studies area.

PTCO-GECO Board presented Principal Harry Bull with a gift for his new baby, Harrison.

The next General Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Spalding Laverenz