

Grandview High School
PTO-GECO General Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2004
7:00 p.m.

Present at the meeting were: Harry Bull, Trina Donovan, Sharon Withrow, Carlyn Canady, Garry Brewer, Alison House, Mary Ann Neumann, Berthie Ruoff, Bruce Jansen, Kurt Wollenweber, Effie Maniatis, and two students from Leadership

Sharon Withrow called the meeting to order. She welcomed everyone to the last meeting of the year with GAIT. PTO-GECO meetings will be the third Tuesday of the month next year. Both PTO-GECO and GAIT need to recruit new members.

Student Leadership: The student leadership representatives are excited about the prom, which will be held on Saturday, May 22nd. Prom tickets are on sale until Friday. After-Prom registration ends on Friday, also. Upcoming Senior Graduation activities on Thursday include a breakfast and slide show at 7:30am, an Exit Assembly at 9:50am, and a barbecue and games after the assembly.

Principal's Report: Principal Harry Bull reported that Graduation is on Saturday, May 29th. This has been an exceptional senior class. The Graduation ceremonies are at different times each year. The CCSD School Board and administrators attend all 6 graduations. Grandview's graduation was on Friday afternoon last year, Saturday morning this year, and will be on Friday afternoon next year.

Pam Smiley from Overland HS will be the new Activities Director, replacing Brad Bayer who will be the Assistant Principal at Campus MS. Carla Stearns will move to Smoky Hill HS as an Assistant Principal. There are 8 remaining applicants to be the new Athletic Director. There are several positions that need to be filled for next year, including teachers for PE, English, and Consumer Family Studies.

A Grandview student received a perfect 1600 on the SAT this year. Everyone was very proud of this student.

The Legislature will focus on high schools next year. Parents are encouraged to get involved. A financial consideration concerns students, especially seniors, who take less than a full load of classes. The legislature will consider whether a school should receive less money per student for those that do not take a minimum number of courses. Staffing will be affected. The legislature may also change minimum graduation requirements and change curriculum. These changes could take effect with the Class of 2006.

Schools are encouraged to insure that nutritious food is available in vending machines. GAIT (Accountability) will be responsible.

The Pledge of Allegiance will be announced every day next year.

Higher education and K-12 education are competing for funds. Many students who attend college need remediation in some subjects, but some question who should pay for the instruction. The conflicting Amendment 23, Gallagher Amendment, and TABOR need to be fixed by the legislature so that they can work together.

The school calendar for seniors will remain the same for now, with the senior students finishing school 1-2 weeks earlier than the underclassmen. AP tests are the first two weeks of May. Students' time in class will be tied to funding.

PTCO-GECO and GAIT separated for their individual meetings.

Minutes: All reviewed the minutes from the April meeting. Sharon Withrow motioned to approve the minutes. Garry Brewer seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Monica Baham

The gross profit exceeded the budget by about \$1000 for this year. A confidential payment has been made for student support. The grant money has been transferred to the school and the teachers have received a letter with specific instructions about spending the funds by the December 31st deadline. Receipts for After-Prom expenses still need to be turned in and paid. Signs to be used for After-Prom cost about \$50 and will be reusable. Beth Spalding-Laverenz has solicited money for food for the After-Prom at senior events. Next year we should solicit funds and volunteers at the various senior events. Sharon Withrow motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report and Effie Maniatis seconded the motion. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Election of PTCO-GECO Officers: Sharon Withrow motioned to approve the nominations and Trina Donovan seconded the motion. The following volunteers have been elected to the PTCO-GECO Executive Board for 2004-2005:

Co-Presidents: Carlyn Canady and Margo Miller
Co-1st Vice Presidents: Alison House
Co-2nd Vice Presidents: Garry Brewer
Co-Secretaries: Berthie Ruoff and Sharon Withrow
Treasurer: Monica Baham
Past President: Trina Donovan

Mary Ann Neumann is the treasurer for Parents' Council and will be a Co-2nd Vice President once the change to the Bylaws made at the April meeting is approved at the September, 2004 PTCO-GECO meeting. There are still Co-1st Vice President and Co-Treasurer positions that needs to be filled.

Fundraiser: Gretchen McGoffin will be the Grandview Games Manager for the raffle.

After-Prom: 650 students have registered for the After-Prom so far. The administration will publicize on the monitors and announcements that although the After-Prom is free,

students do need to register. Due to an accident which occurred in Colorado Springs, Cherry Creek School District has prohibited the use of the inflatable obstacle course, the big slide, and the mechanical bull. Fun Services has replaced these games with inflatable twister, moon bounce, and inflatable bungee. The After-Prom committee should get some money back from Fun Services because of the change. Paid attendants and parent volunteers monitor the games. Volunteers will start decorating for After-Prom on Friday at 3:30pm. Volunteers will meet on Saturday at 8:00am to complete the After-Prom set up. After-Prom begins at 11:00pm on Saturday.

Teacher of the Year: Tod McKercher and Brad Humphries will be presented the Teacher of the Year award scrapbooks at the Academic Awards next Wednesday. Margaret Lisecki did a fantastic job on the scrapbooks given to each of the award recipients. Tod McKercher will receive a sports themed book and Brad Humphries will receive a patriotic themed book. Monica Baham has ordered the plaques.

Volunteer Breakfast: The open house will be on Wednesday, June 2nd in the Media Center from 7:00- 9:00am. There will be food and a barista serving coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. Executive Board members are reminded to call their links, committee heads, and volunteers.

Other Business: Harry Bull thanked PTCO-GECO for the gift for Harrison.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Berthie Ruff