

***Grandview High School***  
PTCO-GECO General Meeting Minutes  
September 14, 2004  
7:00 p.m.

Present at the meeting: Carlyn Canady, Margo Miller, Alison House, Martina Manzone, Garry Brewer, Mary Ann Neumann, Berthie Ruoff, Monica Baham, Maggie Turner, Kurt Wollenweber, Gisele Freed, Jane Applegate, George P. Burdell, Monica Owens, Charlene Kulish, Gretchen McGoffin, and Sue Parker.

Carlyn Canady called the meeting to order. She introduced Margo Miller, PTCO Co-President, and John Walker, GAIT Chairperson. Carlyn explained that PTCO and GAIT meet together for the Principal's Report and then separate into individual meetings. GAIT will work on the School Improvement Plan (SIP). Carlyn welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Assistant Principals, Bruce Jansen and Kurt Wollenweber.

**Student Leadership:** No students from Student Leadership attended the meeting.

**Principal's Report:** Bruce Jansen reported that Principal Harry Bull sent his greetings, but was unable to attend the meeting because the family was observing the one-year anniversary of his father's passing.

Enrollment is currently at 2570 students, which is 55 less than the scheduled 2625. Staffing is not affected when the current number of students is  $\pm 20$  of the scheduled number. However, CCSD may ask Grandview to give back staffing. Harry Bull has held one staff slot as a cushion and has other funds, which can be used to support staffing. There are 720 freshmen at Grandview. Some students may not have checked in, yet. SHHS is checking on 100 students that haven't checked in.

The school year is off to a great start. Students have assimilated to the culture; they attend class and do the right thing. 180 students have been sent to the Principal's Study Hall. Power School is accessible to students and parents.

CSAP scores were the same in Math, 7 points lower in Reading, and higher in Writing from last year. These scores will be discussed in the GAIT meeting.

ACT scores were higher in Colorado and nationally. SAT scores were down a little.

AP scores:

2002: 222 students took 370 tests and 68% scored 3-5

2003: 471 students took 945 tests and 68% scored 3-5

2004: 517 students took 980 tests and 72% scored 3-5

Grandview's goal is that 80% of students will graduate taking at least 1 AP exam. Data shows that 80% of students, who take AP, graduate from college.

CU Succeed – Calculus 3 is the only class offered in which CU gives credit for the class taken in high school. The student pays a tuition fee to CU.

A parent questioned whether students are getting college credit for AP scores of 3-5. Some schools, especially in the east, are not giving college credit for AP. Colleges do look at the rigor of courses, in addition to GPA, which is a motivation to take AP courses. Bruce Jansen will ask Kelly Dunham, the Post-Grad Counselor, to attend a

future PTCO meeting to explain how to best prepare for college. GHS is also trying to motivate students their senior year to avoid senior slump.

Student Leadership has been working on Homecoming activities. On Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, there will be a parade with floats from Falcon Creek MS through the neighborhood to GHS. Pizza and other food will be available after the parade. A pep rally will follow with a stage to honor sports teams and clubs. The evening will end with a bonfire. The football game is at 1:00pm on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at Legacy Stadium. The Homecoming Dance will be at GHS from 8:00-11:00pm.

GHS will look into returning to the Final Exam Schedule from the year before last. Last year's final exam schedule did not work as well because students still had to attend regular classes between finals. Student contact time is 1080 hours and this will determine the Final Exam schedule. Colorado will add additional CSAP tests for 10<sup>th</sup> grade in 2005-2006. GHS will look into having 3 days devoted to CSAP testing instead of 2 days.

GHS has 31 new teachers; many have a lot of experience and some are brand new teachers. GHS has 5 mobile units with phone, computer, and PA hookups. A conference room has been converted to a Dance Studio. The school has enough supplies for the number of students; however, one new government class still needs some textbooks.

PTCO-GECO and GAIT separated for their individual meetings. Everyone at the PTCO meeting introduced himself or herself.

**Minutes:** All reviewed the minutes from the August meeting. Jane Applegate motioned to approve the minutes. Mary Ann Neumann seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Monica Baham reviewed last year's financial statement. PTCO carried over \$15,232 to this year. A profit of \$4926.19 was made over the budgeted amount last year. Monica Baham motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report and Mary Ann Neumann seconded the motion. The Treasurer's Report was approved. Monica encouraged everyone to turn in outstanding receipts.

**Proposed Budget for 2004-2005:** Monica Baham reviewed the proposed budget. Gary Lubell, a counselor, spent the PIN budget of \$150 for ice cream at lunch last year. Berthie Ruoff motioned to approve the 2004-2005 PTCO Budget. Mary Ann Neumann seconded the motion. The Budget was approved.

**Bylaws:** All reviewed the proposed changes to the bylaws. Article VI, Section B. will be deleted and Article VII. Section C will add the words, "at least" to the sentence. Jane Applegate motioned to approve the changes to the Bylaws. Monica Baham seconded the motion. The changes to the Bylaws were approved.

**Election of PTCO-GECO Officers:** The following volunteers have been nominated to the PTCO-GECO Executive Board for 2004-2005:

Co-1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Martina Manzone

Co-2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Mary Ann Neumann

Co-Treasurer: Maggie Turner

Garry Brewer motioned to approve the nominations and Gretchen McGoffin seconded the motion. The new members to the PTCO Executive Board were approved.

**Security IDs & Parking Passes for Volunteers:** The Security Office will issue a photo ID to volunteers who are often at the school. Volunteers should talk to Bridget, Harry's secretary, for a parking pass. Last year's parking pass is still good.

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Charlene Kulish reported that she talked to Allyson Reece about chairing an After-Prom Committee. She has called volunteers for timed readings.

**Homecoming Pep Rally:** Carlyn Canady has ordered 500 pep phones, which are royal blue with a wolf head imprinted in white. She also talked to the TSA advisor about the temporary tattoos that TSA sold last year. The TSA club will not be selling tattoos this year and would be willing to sell the extra tattoos to PTCO for 7¢ each. The tattoos would be handed out by the kids on the Spirit bus and during the parade. Mary Ann Neumann motioned to buy \$100 worth of temporary tattoos from TSA. Berthie Ruoff seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Volunteers are needed for Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally to hand out the pep phones and temporary tattoos.

**Staff Appreciation:** Margo Miller will contact Donna Maughn about the dinner provided to the staff during conferences, November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Volunteers for Conferences:** Volunteers are needed for PTCO tables at Conferences on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Tables will be in the commons areas for the Fundraiser, Raffle, Poinsettia Sale, After-Prom, and Teacher of the Year Award.

**Fundraiser:** The Fall PTCO Fundraiser will be a dinner, auction, and raffle on Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at Heritage Eagle Bend. Gretchen McGoffin, Raffle Manager, reported that PTCO does not have an item for the raffle, yet. PTCO was not able to get a TV from Best Buy. She will check into getting a TV from Soundtrack. All Board members are listed on the raffle sheet to sell tickets. Kurt Wollenweber, Alison House, and Margo Miller will check into getting an HDTV and contact Gretchen.

**Teacher of the Year:** Monica Baham reported that nomination forms will be in the October Gazette newsletter and available at conferences. Nominations are due November 8<sup>th</sup> and the selection process will take place that week.

**Gazette Newsletter:** Carlyn Canady reminded everyone that newsletter articles are due in 3 days. Articles need to be e-mailed to [lburkle@cherrycreekschools.org](mailto:lburkle@cherrycreekschools.org).

**Poinsettia Sales:** Maggie Turner reported that she will chair this committee, if no one else volunteers. Gisele Freed will help her. Carlyn Canady will give Maggie the information that she has from last year. An order form should be put in the Gazette newsletter. Volunteers will be needed during Conferences to sell poinsettias.

**After-Prom:** After-Prom will be held May 21-22, 2005. Volunteers are needed during Conferences to solicit donations and help.

**PIN:** Monica Owens, Sue Parker, Carol Miller, and Rick Boehm are the PIN representatives. Brenda Holben spoke about the 40 developmental assets at the September PIN meeting. PIN meetings are the first Tuesday of the month from 9:00 – 11:30am at SARC.

**Parents' Council:** Mary Ann Neumann reported that a Treasurer's workshop would be held on Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. An Open Forum for PTCO Board members, with lunch provided will be held on Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10:30am – 12:00pm. Parents' Council meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month from 9:00 – 11:00am at SARC.

**Legislative Network:** Meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 9:00 – 11:00am at ESC, room 210. Martina Manzone will contact the volunteers.

**School Board:** Meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month in the evening at different locations. Martina Manzone will contact the volunteers.

**Directory:** 1500 directories have been sold. The directory has been proofread and is ready to be sent to District printing.

**Thank You:** Carlyn Canady thanked all of the volunteers who have helped Grandview.

- Back to School Night - Many E-books were sold.
- Freshmen BBQ and Dance
- Planners - Thank you to Sharon Withrow for all of her work with the Planners. All the planners were sold. Next year, PTCO will order more than 2000 planners.
- Registration - Some changes for next year will be to collect all of the forms at the first table, spread out the tables, and have PTCO Board members able to get photo ID's.
- Schedule distribution on the first day of school
- Shed Clean-out – PTCO still needs to inventory and organize the shed.
- Shelly Carpenter – organizing the Volunteer spreadsheet
- Mike Myers – assisting with the shed clean out by donating his flatbed and hauling away the garbage. He has also agreed to repair the shed floor for cost.

**Cherry Creek Schools Foundation:** The PTCO will receive 25¢ per student, which will be about \$625.

**Yearbooks:** Jane Applegate would like the Yearbook to contain a picture of all the senior students, not just those that pay for professional photos. One third of the senior students do not have their picture in the yearbook. Ann Manchester is the Yearbook advisor.

**Fundraiser Date Change:** Garry Brewer reported that the Fundraiser chairs are concerned about the amount of time to prepare for a successful fundraiser. They would like to change the date to the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of January or the 1<sup>st</sup> week of February. Garry will talk to Harry Bull, Helen Nelson, and Lisa Fankhauser about the date change.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Berthie Ruoff*