

***Grandview High School***  
PTCO-GECO General Meeting Minutes  
May 10, 2005  
7:00 p.m.

Present at the meeting: Principal Harry Bull, Assistant Principal Kurt Wollenweber, Carlyn Canady, Sharon Withrow, Monica Baham, Mary Ann Neumann, and Martina Manzone.

Carlyn Canady called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

**Principal's Report:** Dr. Bull reported that the Instructional Steering Committee (GILT) has decided to align all the Cherry Creek School District's grading scales. Beginning with the 2005 – 2006 school year, 90% and above will be an "A" and 80 – 89% will be a "B". All four east area high schools are starting to share students in academics. It is necessary to have consistency in grading between the schools. However, the new grading scale will not be retroactive for grades assigned this year or in previous years. The complete transition will take 4 – 5 years while transcripts will reflect a distinction between the two different grading scales. Principal Bull believes that the middle schools will go to the new grading scale as well.

Principal Bull also reported that there will be a transition to a new counselor / dean model. The counseling department will have grade-level counselors that will move with the students through all four years of high school and then fall back to freshman year. Except for Dave Manchak, who is retiring, all counselors will still be available next year. Also, there will be better alignment between counselors and deans. There will be two deans each for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade. There will two more deans for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades together and the students will be split alphabetically. Transition to the new model will be somewhat of a challenge as there will be some emotion around these changes with the greatest anxiety at the junior level.

Hiring for the new school year should be wrapped up in the next few weeks. The girls' basketball coach has been hired and interviews for the band director are still ongoing. The English Department positions are about to be filled. Also, there is a finalist for the Spanish position and the clinical psychologist position.

Tomorrow night is the Senior Awards ceremony and Thursday night is the Teacher of the Year banquet. Next week is the senior exit assembly and senior day.

This year approximately 1200 – 1250 AP exams were given. AP Human Geography was offered to sophomores and has been a success as these students will have a better understanding of what an AP class entails. This will help them to reap the benefits of what they learned in their junior and senior years.

**Student Leadership:** There were no attendees from Student Leadership. The Senior Leadership Banquet is being held tonight.

**Minutes:** All reviewed the minutes from the April general meeting. Sharon Withrow motioned to approve the minutes and Martina Manzone seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Monica Baham presented the treasurer's report. Most of the activity has been from After Prom expenditures. Also, the school has already paid for the PTCO members' tickets to attend the Teacher of the Year banquet on May 12, 2005. The money will be transferred out of our account to repay the school. Monica reminded everyone with outstanding receipts to get them to her as soon as possible. Martina Manzone motioned to approve the treasurer's report and Sharon Withrow seconded the motion. The treasurer's report was approved.

**Teacher of the Year:** Monica Baham reported that the photo albums and trophies are ready to be presented to Tari Wood and Cathy McDavid at the Senior Awards ceremony tomorrow night. Sharon Withrow will present the two teachers with their awards. Mrs. Wood and Ms. McDavid were selected after the committee reviewed over 1400 nominations. The Teacher of the Year banquet is Thursday night, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Social hour will be at 5:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m.

**Senior Scholarships:** The announcement of the Senior Scholarship recipients will also be made tomorrow night at the Senior Awards ceremony by Sharon Withrow. The recipients are Jeremy Brown, Tiffany Choi, Eunice Eun, Elizabeth Foreman, and Katherine Ruggles. Each recipient will receive \$1000 to use towards college expenses.

**After Prom:** The After Prom will be held on May 22 from midnight to 4 a.m. and the theme is Arabian Nights. Carlyn Canady reported that this year the students will be able to dress in Arabian costumes and pose for pictures at the photo booth. WalMart is donating a photo machine, two employees, and all photos for free. They are only asking for recognition of their contribution and they would like the public to know that they are also giving 35 mm cameras to local schools.

The decorating committee will use inexpensive fabrics to go with the Arabian theme. They are asking for volunteers to come at 4 p.m. on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> to help with decorating.

There will also be a palm reader, tattoos, and a hypnotist. The giant tricycle races will be called camel races.

There are 125 volunteers signed up to help and they have been divided into two different shifts. Each volunteer will do one job for a while and then be assigned to a different job.

There will not be a raffle or big prizes given away. Student Leadership has asked instead that many \$10 gift certificates to local restaurants, fast food places, and movie theaters be given away. They believe that this would be fairer and give more students an opportunity to win a prize.

Some members of the PTCO expressed concern because the students can leave any time they want. They noted that some schools require students to call parents to pick them up if they want to leave early. However, we are not liable for the students if they do leave early. There was also a discussion as to whether or not there should be an age limit on the students' dates.

Carlyn Canady also reported that she will have approximately twenty \$25 gift certificates to give to the main volunteers of the After Prom.

**Staff Appreciation:** The end-of-year Staff Appreciation luncheon will be held this Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Principal Bull wanted the luncheon to be after AP exams so that all teachers could attend.

**Executive Board Election:** Carlyn Canady announced the nominations for next year's executive board and the candidates were unanimously approved. The following positions were filled:

Co-President: Carlyn Canady

Co-1<sup>st</sup> Vice Presidents: Monica Baham and Alison House

Co-2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Martina Manzone

Co-Secretary: Maria McLellan

Co-Treasurers: Gretchen McGoffin and Mary Ann Neumann

Carlyn also suggested that middle school parents who have been on PTCO boards in the past be approached and asked if they would like to serve.

Principal Bull also suggested that somebody in the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President or 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President position move into the Co-President position. Monica Baham will consider it.

**Community Caring:** Monica Baham reported that the Chaltry family never received their muffin basket. They were to call *My Favorite Muffin* but we are unsure that they ever did. Monica will follow up on this.

Another student, Kelby Eide-Romero, lost her older brother recently. Alison House delivered flowers to the family.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next general meeting will be Tuesday, September 13, 2005.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Sharon Withrow  
PTCO Co-President*