

Grandview High School
PTCO General Meeting Minutes
For meeting held in Grandview Library
Tuesday, October 11th, 2005
7 pm

THIS MEETING COMMENCED AS A JOINT PTCO / GAIT MEETING FOR THE DURATION OF THE STUDENT LEADERSHIP REPORT AND PRINCIPALS REPORT BEFORE BREAKING INTO THE TWO INDIVIDUAL GROUPS.

Present: Dr. Harry Bull, Principal
Carlyn Canady, Co-President
Monica Baham, Co-President
Alison House, 1st Vice President
Sharon Withrow, Past President
Mary Ann Neumann, Co-Treasurer
Gretchen McGoffin, Co-Treasurer
Maria McLellan, Co-Secretary
Jane Applegate, Parent
Susanna Joo, Parent
George P. Burdell, Parent
Gisele Freed, Parent
Simone Hamilton, Parent
Effie Cerrone, Parent
Meena Annamalai, Parent

Carlyn Canady called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone and asked everyone to introduce themselves to the group. She commented on all the activities going on at GHS this evening.

Student Leadership / Homecoming:

Dr Bull advised that students were very busy decorating the hallways – four areas are allocated – one for each grade to decorate. The decorating focuses on the theme for homecoming and also something special about their grade. These are judged and prizes awarded. Lunch activities have also been scheduled for spirit week – the jazz band performed at one of lunches today and it was very enthusiastically received by the students at lunch. The Mr. Grandview competition will be held on Thursday. Friday and Saturday are big days. They include the parade from Falcon Creek to Grandview at 4:15 pm and the judging of the floats. This is followed by a taste of Grandview, the pep rally, and then the bon fire. The homecoming football game is on Saturday at 1 pm at Legacy and then the homecoming dance will be in the evening. Volunteers are still needed for supervision at the dance. The spirit bus will go around feeder Elementary schools and Middle schools to encourage attendance along the parade route. Carlyn encouraged people to get involved in Spirit Week and commented how the information given to students regarding Spirit Week was exceptional.

School Board Member Bee Kirk:

School Board Member Bee Kirk thanked all of the volunteers for being at the meeting. A strong cadre of volunteers is very important to any schools success. He was at the meeting to give details about C and D. All school board members are out spreading the word as much as

possible. He advised that education, as a whole in the state of Colorado would lose six to nine million dollars if C and D fail. This would mean cutting staff, class sizes would be up, less security guards, walking zones expanded (no bussing), traffic and safety implications, athletic and activity fees would go up, several programs would come under the knife including GT, Kindergarten, After school, etc. It would also have a profound impact on the higher education arena perhaps spelling the death knell for in-state tuition. He asked everyone to talk to neighbors – encourage C and D.

Principal's Report:

Dr. Bull echoed Bee's comments regarding the large number of people attending the meeting this evening and thanked everyone for coming along.

He discussed the October count and advised that we do not have the official count yet. School numbers are consistent – approx 2674 to 2684 minus PREP. A drop will possibly occur from there with our October count. He is confident we will meet our numbers. He will have the official count at our next meeting and will share with us changes in demographics etc.

Harry received an award and showed us the School Library Journal with his picture on the cover and story inside. The School Library Journal selected him as Administrator of the Year. Dr Bull, Pat and Beth celebrated in Pittsburg last Thursday when he received the award. He said he was very pleased at the attention that Pat and Beth received about what is happening in the GHS library – librarians across country are in awe of the GHS library. The recognition of our Library and staff was excellent. He advised that we are doing things here that are centered around research, that he is confident will help prepare our kids for what they will see after they graduate from high school. There are very few school libraries in this nation with such comprehensive studies for students.

Harry mentioned Mark Schembroich, a motivational speaker 25 years, who spent time at the school presenting two programs last week about building connections across student organizations. These were great presentations and were very well received by kids. The presentation for seniors was about understanding the significance of their senior year and how seniors can really have an impact on the culture of the school. A lot of kids commented that Mark was the best speaker that they had heard. Mark sent a letter to the school acknowledging how special GHS is.

Parent Teacher conferences will be held on the Wednesday and Thursday before fall break.

The meeting then separated into individual PTCO and GAIT meetings.

Minutes:

All reviewed the minutes from the General Meeting held on September 13th, 2005. Jane Applegate motioned to approve the Minutes and Gisele Freed seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved. Maria handed out the new board badges and displayed the new PTCO banner.

Treasurer's Report:

Mary Ann presented the budget and explained where funds go from the different areas.

Maria moved that the budget be approved as presented. Effie seconded the motion. The budget was posted.

Directories:

Sharon advised that the directories have arrived and they look great. Over \$3010 was made from ads placed in the directories. Sales have reached approximately 1650 at \$5 each totaling \$8250. With the cost of printing at \$2101, profit should be around \$6150. She is looking for volunteers for Parent Teacher nights and lunchtimes to hand out the directories. Thank you Sharon for all your hard work on this year's directories.

Homecoming:

Carlyn encouraged everyone to attend the parade and help hand out tattoos and then to come back to the school and help out with the booth. 4000 mardi gras beads will be handed out at the pep rally.

Parent Teacher Conferences:

PTCO will have tables set up for our Auction Fundraiser, Directories, Teacher of the Year, and Poinsettia Sales. We still need volunteers for both nights. Meals for teachers will be provided.

Teacher of the Year:

The ballot and information will be in the next newsletter and also available on the nights of parent teacher conferences. The deadline will be approx November 4th for ballots. We need to then set up a selection committee which will meet second or third week of November to go through and read comments and make a short list and then decide on the Teacher of the Year.

Fundraiser Auction – Nov 5th Franciscan Event Center:

Carlyn showed us the invitations that were sent out for the dinner auction and listed the menu for the evening. Tickets are \$25 per person. The question was asked if tables could be booked. Carlyn and Monica advised that yes they could – 8 people per table – four couples.

Executive Board positions:

There are still board positions open which need to be filled. Effie advised that she may be interested but later changed her mind.

Poinsettia sales:

There will be an ad in next months Gazette newsletter. Volunteers will be at Parent Teacher conference to make sales. The pick up date will be the first Friday in December – December 2nd, 2pm to 6pm. Many colors available - white, red, pink etc.

The meeting was adjourned. The next PTCO General Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 8th, 2005 at 7:00 pm in the GHS Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria McLellan