

Grandview High School
PTCO General Meeting Minutes
For meeting held in Grandview Library
Tuesday, January 10th, 2006
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
Leon Lundie, Assistant Principal
Monica Baham, Co-President
Alison House, 1st Vice President
Sharon Withrow, Past President
Mary Ann Neumann, Co-Treasurer
Maria McLellan, Co-Secretary
Gisele Freed, Parent
Debbie Horgan, Parent

Monica Baham called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone and asked everyone to introduce themselves to the group.

Student Leadership:

There were no representatives from Student Leadership at the meeting.

Principal's Report:

Everyone congratulated Harry on the birth of his daughter Hailey.

Harry then presented a PowerPoint display on the Cherry Creek School Districts *Recommendation to Adjust School Start and Dismissal Times for 2006-2007*. Some notes regarding these changes are:

- The concern is about Middle School start times in relation to adolescent sleep times and patterns... these same concerns are valid at a High School level as well
- In spring 2007 there will be a change resulting in 4 weeks longer daylight saving times – one week longer in the fall and three weeks longer in the spring.
- With the change in daylight savings time we are looking at transportation – kids catching the buses in the dark – a safety issue.
- Our current transportation model does not conform with research regarding adolescent learning and sleep patterns.
- Studies have shown that middle school students get into the most trouble between the hours of 3 pm and 6 pm. The later ending time would reduce the amount of time middle school students are alone during those hours.
- The Middle school proposed time changes are the most drastic with finish times as late as 3:55 pm.
- High School currently has a 7:20 – 7:45 am and a 2:41 – 3:05 pm dismissal (64 buses)
- There are 131 bus routes costing approximately \$40,000 per route per year
- High School Starts first, Middle starts next and then Elementary

- Changes make sense with regard to transportation concerns because there are more routes at the middle school level
- CCSD has grown – it has had 12 more schools added in the last 15 years.
- Before and after daycare is now available at all elementary schools as well.
- There is a need and value to adding instructional time for students at the Middle and High school levels
- High School 1056 hours of school required (block schedule meets this requirement)
Middle school 1056 hours
Elementary 968 hours
- We cannot start/end the same time for everyone because the buses and drivers required would not reflect sound fiscal management or be possible in current job market.
- One level will need to be transported prior to sunrise for a portion of the year and it currently may make the most sense for High School to continue to do this
- High School is currently 7 h 20 m required learning time and will increase to 7 h 40 m – an increase of 4.3% - an addition of 20 minutes day – 58 hours a year
- Currently it is proposed that Grandview will start ten minutes earlier and end six minutes later
- At the High School level there would be a maximum delay of 20 minutes in after-school activities with the increased instructional time
- The Staff would still have same contract time and their after school responsibilities would begin slightly later
- Another benefit of the proposed time changes would be reduced traffic congestion where middle school and high school share the same campus
- It is also being discussed to have students take 360 hours per semester to be counted as a full time student. Many seniors (approx 325 students) take only five classes per semester – they would be required to take six to qualify - if this is required there is no room or class available for them to take the additional 6th class.

Harry also advised that the 2006-2007 Graduation is on Thursday, May 24th at 8:30 am.

Minutes:

The minutes from the General Meeting held on November 8th, 2005 were reviewed. Gisele motioned to approve the Minutes and Sharon seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

The balance sheet is in great shape. At this stage \$16,370.05 profit was made from the Fundraiser.

Maryann moved, Alison seconded that the treasurer's report be approved as tabled. The report was approved.

Teacher of the Year:

John Rios and Vernal Pope are teachers of the year. Letters have been sent out to solicit support letters for these teachers. All is going well with the process.

Fundraiser:

Everyone commented that it was an awesome fundraiser – Franciscan Events Center is the best.

Text Book Check in

Volunteers are in place for textbook check in and check out. Volunteers are also needed for schedule handout on Wednesday 18th (5) and Thursday 19th (2).

Education Support – Teacher Department requests for Funds:

We will talk more about this at the executive meeting. We will work with Harry about when to have requests back from teachers.

After Prom:

A meeting needs to be organized – Alison will talk to Monica and Carlyn to arrange a suitable time.

PIN:

We do not have a PIN rep anymore – we need one – Debbie Horgan mentioned Maria will have Suzanna Joo (the former PIN Rep) call Debbie.

Executive Board positions:

There are still board positions open which need to be filled.

Monica suggested Open house for potential PTCO people. Maybe after the 8th grade parents nights which will be held on January 19 and 24 at 7 pm – information could be handed out then to interested parents.

The meeting was adjourned. The next PTCO General Meeting will be on Tuesday, February 7th, 2006 at 7 pm in the Library at GHS.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria McLellan