

*Grandview High School*  
**PTCO General Meeting Minutes**  
For meeting held in Grandview Library  
**Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 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  
Sharon Withrow, Past President  
Mary Ann Neumann, Co-Treasurer  
Gretchen McGoffin, Co-Treasurer  
Maria McLellan, Co-Secretary  
Berthe Ruoff, Parent  
Debbie Horgan, Parent, PIN Rep

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

**Student Leadership:**

One representative from Student Leadership was present at the meeting. She reported that Student Leadership has been very busy. This week is multicultural week and activities have been planned on a daily basis in the commons area - food, music, and dance – cultural activities. Next week is winter spirit week – there are different activities planned for each day including a movie night, dance, and basketball game. Student Leadership continues to be involved with community service activities. They recently made scarves to donate to charity. Students are currently reapplying for leadership positions now.

**Principal's Report:**

Dr. Bull advised the meeting that the Grandview Exceptional Volunteer of the Year recipient is Sharon Withrow. Sharon is Past President of the PTCO and has volunteered for numerous Grandview needs for many years. Everyone offered their congratulations to Sharon – a deserving winner. A dinner will be held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> to recognize the individual inaugural Wendy DuBell Exceptional Volunteer school award winners.

Dr. Bull encouraged people to attend the Valentine's Day Dance fundraiser to support the GHS orchestra which has been invited to Salt Lake City in April for the National Conference. Only three high school orchestras have been invited nationwide. Gail Sindelar is the conductor. Cost for attendance at the dance is \$5 – dinner is \$20 per plate.

Grandview's production of *The Taming of Shrew* will be performed on February 23, 24, and 25 – performances start at 7 pm.

Basketball is still underway – the Girls teams are playing hard – the Boys are doing fairly well. The Girls swimming season is nearly completed. Grandview Wrestling has just won its 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive Centennial League crown.

With relation to the proposed changes in school hours, the Board of Education wishes to make it clear that these changes are a proposal only.

Two pieces of information to clarify regarding the information supporting the proposed changes:  
(1) The adolescent research referred to pertains to high school age students as well – this is absolutely true. The difficulty is that somebody has to go first and that is the problem – for us, as a district to start everyone at the same time would mean an extra \$1M for buses – we are already 25-27 bus drivers short of the requirement as it is. The reality of the situation is that high school students have greater flexibility in this instance – they have a greater ability to get to school in the dark etc. The proposed new GHS hours would be 7:20 am – 2:52 pm.

(2) GHS will add 16 minutes of instructional time. The reason we cannot do what what SHHS (1 minute added) and CTHS (no time added) do, is that both of these schools require that 100 percent of seniors have to take six classes not five as is the case at GHS. The reality for GHS is that we don't have the physical space to schedule approximately half of our senior class into classrooms. Note - CCSD does not include passing periods as instructional time.

The Board of Education is looking at a proposal to change graduation requirements – it is possible that the 2009 graduating class will be the first class affected by these changes. This would more closely align with what the Colorado Commission on Higher Education recommends.

Possible changes are:

- 4 English credits
- 3 Science
- 3 Mathematics
- 3 Social Studies

For Total Credits of 22

Another change is that students will be required to take 4 core classes each year of school – seniors would require 4 core or 3 AP/IB classes in their senior year. Seniors (starting next year) are going to have to enroll in 4 core (currently 3 core).

Projected enrollment for next year is bigger than we can accommodate – approximately 2835. Harry has held conversations with district – GHS will be capped at 2750 – this is doable. For the first time at the high school level we will say no to some school of choice students. We are increasing the PREP slots from 45 to 54 for next year. Students currently enrolled at GHS as school of choice will stay. The priority will be extended to school of choice students with currently enrolled siblings. The rest will be processed in date stamped order. The possibility is that we will have to say no to approximately 100 families who will then return to their home schools and will have to apply for an intra district transfer.

CTHS is projected at just under 1600 – well below capacity.

**Minutes:**

All reviewed the minutes from the General Meeting held on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Mary Ann motioned to approve the Minutes and Sharon seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved.

**By Laws:**

Maria tabled the amended By Laws for approval. She mentioned the amount of work that Berthe and Garry had done the previous year to make these amendments. The amended By Laws have been available on the website for more than 30 days as required. The main change is for the GECO name to be removed and replaced with PTCO. Sharon moved to accept the amended By Laws, Mary Ann seconded the motion. It was carried unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Maria moved that the treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Sharon seconded the motion. It was carried unanimously.

**Volunteer Gathering at Monica's:**

There will be an Open House gathering at Monica's home on February 16<sup>th</sup> between 10 am and 1 pm to welcome new and old volunteers into the Grandview family and to provide any information they may need.

**Faculty Funding requests:**

Mary Ann is chair of this committee. The best time to distribute the request letter to teachers is late February. We will review all the requests at the March meeting. Harry told us of an idea from Neil Wallace, the photography teacher. He has requested that we upgrade our photography classes to provide a Level 2. This would require approximately 17 new digital cameras, computers, and software so that advanced students could continue to do digital photography at a high level with the latest technology. The cost for this would run at about \$24,000.

**After Prom:**

It was reported that not many attended the first meetings.

Berthe and Sharon have volunteered to Co-Chair After Prom and have already provided substantial information on games available to rent for After Prom from Fun Productions. They took the time to explain to the less experienced about After Prom activities including some of the games that will be available. The increased budget requirements were discussed. Everyone agreed that it was a good idea. Further discussions will be held with Carlyn and Alison and other sub-committee chairs.

**Teacher of the Year:**

Monica reported that the notebooks are completed and turned into district. Maria acknowledged the amount of work that Monica had done to get everything in place. The Teacher of the Year Banquet is on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Volunteer of the Year:**

Mary Ann reminded everyone to RSVP by February 17<sup>th</sup> if they wished to attend the function on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Hyatt Regency Tech Center. The Cherry Creek Schools Foundation Fundraiser is held the same day. To attend both functions is \$75.

**PIN:**

Our new PIN rep Debbie Horgan attended her first PIN meeting. Love and Logic by Susan Jones was presented. Debbie filled us in on details and upcoming events. Next month's meeting topic is Volunteering. A \$75 per head round table luncheon with superintendents from CCSD, DPS, LPS and others will be held on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at the Village Club, Cherry Hills Village.

**Executive Board positions:**

Everyone was encouraged to spread the word about open board positions for next year. It would be advantageous to start the new school year with a full board.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria McLellan