

Grandview High School
PTCO General Meeting Minutes
For meeting held in Grandview Library
Tuesday, March 14th, 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
Carlyn Canady, Co-President
Monica Baham, Co-President
Sharon Withrow, Past President
Mary Ann Neumann, Co-Treasurer
Gretchen McGoffin, Co-Treasurer
Michelle Wallace, Co-Secretary
Maria McLellan, Co-Secretary
Deb Horgan, PIN Rep and Parent

Carlyn Canady called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone and asked everyone to introduce themselves to the group.

Student Leadership:

A student representative reported that student leadership has been incredibly busy – the week of February 13 was winter spirit week. The students celebrated with a movie night, dress up days, spirit day, BBQ/tailgate, basketball game, and a dance in cafeteria. The week before that was multicultural week and it involved most of the cultural clubs at GHS. Display cases were filled with presentations of different cultures. Leadership seniors have been busy working on the upcoming senior events – senior day, the slide show, skits, end of year, and more. The Prom committee is getting into full swing for May 20th. They have had meetings with the decorator and with printing for the invitations. The prom theme will be announced when the invitations go out in the second or third week of April. Selection for next year's leadership class has been completed – it will be a bit smaller than this year's. Leadership has just completed their last set of lessons, which included, taking responsibility, accepting tasks, and stepping up to a leadership role.

Principal's Report:

Harry congratulated the Boys Basketball team for making it to the Final Four for the fourth year. They lost by 1 point to Cherry Creek High School in the semi.

He again congratulated Sharon Withrow on being Grandview's volunteer of the year.

Tonight is the night before CSAPs – 9th grade will have three tests each day on three subjects, 10th grade will have three tests each day on four subjects (including Science). Harry thanked Bruce Jensen for his organizing skills and the huge effort he has made in having everything in place for CSAPs. Harry invited those present at the meeting to come in and look at the reading, writing, math and science CSAP tests next week.

Harry advised us of the following in regard to the feedback on the changes in instructional time sent in by GHS families:

(Feedback was received from 55 parents, 3 others, and 8 students – which represented 6 elementary, 21 middle, and 62 high school students)

Comments were generally that:

- Students need more sleep
- Sleep deprived
- Students stay up late
- The changes are to accommodate the bus schedule only
- Comments about major studies
- Need high school student to open house for elementary student
- School already starts too early
- Why do high school students need extra learning time?
- Already a lack of family time

March 20th is the decision day on this by the Board of Education. Every High School has to add time regardless of the Boards decision. Discussion followed on the possible changes.

Pre-registration has been completed. Grandview will offer four sections of Chinese for the first time. 2750 is our final number – many school of choice families have been refused.

Harry encouraged everyone to watch closely any reported conversations requiring districts to fund the classroom at 65% at a state level, and to look closely at what is not included. CCSD would meet criteria already but think about other districts who do not have the same resources. Counseling/Deans/Bus services are not included. 65% of the districts budget has to be for classrooms.

Harry made us aware of what was done as a school regarding the Jay Bennish/Overland High School situation. Sincere thoughts are with the Students and Administrators at Overland during this trying time. Copies of the district policy on this matter was sent out to all staff.

One of the parents asked about students leaving the campus during off periods. Is there any way of enforcing this school policy about leaving the campus? Discussion followed on this matter.

The meeting then broke off into the individual PTCO and GAIT meetings.

Minutes:

All reviewed the minutes from the General Meeting held on February 7th, 2006. Sharon motioned to approve the Minutes as tabled and Monica seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Mary Ann moved that the budget be amended to remove the \$5000 for senior scholarships, to leave \$15,000 in as a carry over for next year, and to increase the budget for F3 (Facility/Faculty Funding) to \$23,000. Carlyn seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

Mary Ann tabled the treasurer's report, Sharon moved and Debbie seconded that the treasurer's report be approved as amended. It was carried unanimously.

PIN Report:

Debbie reported that Dr Villareal was the guest speaker at the last PIN meeting. Dr David Walsh, an authority on parenting, distinguished author, and founder of the National Institute on Media and the Family, will be the speaker at the PIN brunch on Tuesday, May 2nd at 9 am – his topic will be “How Media Affects Critical Thinking in Young People”. He will speak again in the afternoon (3:15 – 4:45 pm) at GHS to CCSD educators and mental health staff, and then again in the evening from 7:00 – 8:30 pm at CCHS to district parents, students and staff. The Youth Summit will be held at Grandview this Saturday and hundreds will be attending – Margie Adams is organizing it.

Facility/Faculty Funding Requests:

Mary Ann reported that the letters have been distributed and the deadline for requests is Monday. MaryAnn made sure that The Ranch received a copy of the request form as well. Several requests have been received already. Carlyn will call Bridget to schedule a meeting to discuss the requests with Harry.

After Prom:

Sharon gave report on the decorating and food committees for After Prom. She reported that everything is coming together well. Prizes and other information updates were discussed.

Nominating Committee:

The nominations for next year's PTCO Board are being compiled. Sharon will call Diane Loup. Sharon will call Bridget to set up appointment with Harry for presenting of Nominations.

Teachers of the Year:

Monica reported that the notebooks have gone to the scrapbook lady and she is currently working on them.

Web Site update:

Sharon reported that the website changeover is on hold until May when Eric will have time to work on it. It was decided to leave it until after After Prom.

Volunteer Gathering at Monica's:

Everyone thanked Monica for hosting the successful Volunteer gathering at her home.

Volunteer of the Year:

Congrats again to Sharon. Mary Ann reported that Bridget said that there are discussions about having a permanent plaque made for Volunteer of the Year.

Family:

A family at GHS needs help – they have major medical problems. Volunteers are needed to donate meal cards, meals, etc. \$25 gift cards for restaurants are a good idea. Gary Lubell is counseling contact.

The next PTCO/GAIT meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 11th, 2006, in the GHS Library at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria McLellan