

GPA Meeting May 12, 2009

Present: Amy Joseph, Gary and Antonella Goldsborough, Diasy Hernandez, Martha Fulmer, Ginny Gjedsted, Sharon Olken, Elia Pochron, Jude Dekenbach, Jackie Quella Helene Dorran

Swamp Soiree: Amy Joseph

Gateway's GALA Auction/dinner/dance. November 14<sup>th</sup>. Auction forms are being done as I print this. We are going with a professional auctioneer and his software for many different reasons. Contact Ginny Gjedsted or Tracy Pore. A CommuniGator has been sent out about volunteers needed and chairs. You will see more info in the upcoming weeks.

Logo Wear Elia Pochron.

\$1328 came in for incoming frosh students ordering logowear. We have inventory to sell at the Root Beer Social this month. Elia will have the pre-orders for pick up at the root beer social. Tina McGovern should have paper bags left over from the auction that we can use to package the logowear, Sharo O. will ask Tina. Green Zebra can be osld the night of the Root Beer Float. Anntonella Goldsborough is willing to sell them that night.

Car Wash; Gary Goldsborough, May 17<sup>th</sup>, Sunday

Gary suggests an assembly line to make it go more smoothly, he will need a lot of senior help. The proceeds go to the senior prom. Daisy Hernandez is supplying food: hot dogs and nachos. The idea was suggested that we plan a bit more in advance next year so it goes on the calander. Gary and Antonella will work on setting up a date for next year. Saturday Septmeber 12, 2009 and maybe again in the spring (March /April). This gives the seniors more time to participate, nad there has to be a faculty and a Gateway adult working with the students (Student Council, clubs?). Daisy is asking about participation with food, we need a barbeque for the hot dogs. We need an adult to handle the money.

Prom Update: Ginny Gjedsted for Lisa Elliott

Lisa Elliott sent in a report for the whole event. Tickets are \$65 and it's from 9-12. Usually about 150 to 200 students attend. The YBCA will have a Gateway logo in the front entry, the lobby will be dimly lit, there will be a professional coat check, a photographer's station and some kioks. The Forum will have a DJ on his own stage (large enough to have a few kids join him), two mirror balls, black velour drapes along the walls with special lighting, tables draped in shimmering purple linens with seating andvoltives and a small photo booth in the corner for informal photos. Maureen of Knight's Catering is doing a great menu: pesto pasta, sliders, mini grilled sandwiches, three cheese macaroni, Asian vege spring rolls, grilled foccacia bread, tomato soupsips and assorted petite desserts including cream puffs and browniw bites. Bevergaes will include soda, waters and specialty Italian sodas. There will also be coffee.

Principal's Update: Sharon Olken

We are truly in the final stretch of school, less than one month! Monday morning meeting Gateway got a grant of \$100,000 from AT&T for a freshman Gateway seminar to build a bridge from middle school to high school. The supervisor for the district, Mr. Ross

Mirkarimi, presented a BIG check for \$100,000 to the school yesterday. Students and teachers gave comments.

Course registration starts on Monday May 18<sup>th</sup>. Kids in Advisory will start to think about who they want to be and what they want to show their future colleges in their studies. Parent will have to fill out a sheet showing what the student have to take and what their options are. Sharon has a mock copy of of a new manual: Elective and Advanced Course offerings to show at the meeting. This allows the student to advocate for himself and allows parent to be involved. There will be an Eblast going out about this this week. The week of Memorial Day is the last week of senior classes. At the end of the week they go to SoCal, Disneyland, for the (grad) night. Chaperones are from the Gateway faculty.

Gateway is looking at ways to increase the numbers of activities for student to pursue something they love in depth, through classes or clubs. For example they are working on building a music program: starting with a Jazz music program and a vocal music program. This will tie in nicely with the history of the Fillmore District! Also, they are trying to improve the lunch program at Gateway. The lunch program is not great, so there may be ways to improve the district lunches. There is going to be a meeting on May 21 at Mission High from 7-9pm in the cafeteria, we are hoping that Gateway parents will be there to share their ideas.

Gateway is trying to stay in touch with Gateway alumni, because they are a wonderful resource. We are trying to start an alumni Council who can interact with current students about their college experiences. The Development and Outreach Committee and some teachers and Sharon on Facebook as the school are all working together to develop alumni resources.

A question was asked about this year's class of college acceptances; almost 100% are going to college, maybe more going to 2 year school maybe due to the economy, and in-state public schools. Sharon will send out a final list when she gets the final tally.

Teacher Appreciation Day: Daisy Hernandez

May 15<sup>th</sup> is the date. Daisy and 2-3 student will help set up and decorate the library. Daisy would like the students to write a note to their teachers on a large notepad. Daisy need s help with food. She has tamales donated already. Dinner will start at 3:45, Daisy would like a parent to also speak to the value of our teachers. She also has a friend who can play guitart or maybe bring in salsa music to play in the background. There are about 25-30 teachers expected. She is asking for fruit, dessert, beverages. Parents can leave donations of food or beverages with Sharon Oklen at Gateway.

Next meeting June 2, at Tuesday, maybe a pot luck celebration? We need to think about next year's GPA officers. Amy asked if there is anyone interested at the meeting to step into a position. The more the merrier, invite the new frosh parents! Maybe ask parents what they'd like to focus on next year?

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ginny Gjedsted

