

GPA Meeting April 14, 2009

Welcome and Introductions - Amy Joseph, president

Swamp Soiree - Tracy Pore, Chair

Tracy Pore was not available, but sent a note regarding Maximum Benefit Auctions. It is probably the company we may go with. They will provide the auctioneer, bid sheets, catalog help and check-out help with two additional people as support for our parent volunteers. Their fee is built into the auction item only, not ticket sales.

Do we own the current auction software? Tina was not here to answer this question.

Next Auction Committee Meeting April 20<sup>th</sup> 6pm

Root Beer Float Incoming Freshman Welcome - Iris Smith

We need to set a date, and get a team together to plan the event.

Dates to consider should be sooner than later to keep the freshmen excitement up:

Monday May 4<sup>th</sup>, Friday May 8<sup>th</sup> or Monday May 18<sup>th</sup>? Fridays are difficult for teachers and families at Gateway. Students can pre-order logowear, that is being worked out between Iris and Elia Pochron so they can pre-order when they get the enrollment packets.

Date picked: May 18<sup>th</sup>

The event will start at 6pm in the theater with a showing of "A day in the life of Gateway". Sharon Olken will welcome the incoming families and lead "A year in the life of Gateway" discussion. Then parents and students will split into separate groups to talk about Gateway from a student and a parent perspective.

Pizza? Perhaps explore a company donating some of the pizza (Extreme Pizza, Goat Hill Pizza?). Maybe donating the ice cream too (Mitchell's)?

First planning meeting April 27<sup>th</sup>, and possibly May 4<sup>th</sup>. They will be meeting in the Library at 6pm.

We need frosh parents especially, Chris suggested using the CommuniGator or Eblasts asking for volunteers. Chris Loughran, Jude Deckenbach and Jackie Quella are ready to help Iris with planning. Contact Iris Smith at school if you want to help with this fun event!

Car Wash - Lisa Elliott, Chair, benefit for the Senior Prom to off-set the cost of prom tickets.

April 18<sup>th</sup> is a busy date for seniors to see campuses; we need to pick a new date?

However, the senior class has not been surveyed as to who will not be here, so we don't know how many seniors will not be available due to the open campuses. We need at least 12 students per shift for 4 shifts, Prom Committee is organizing the volunteers.

Problem – food was already ordered for the hot dogs and nachos, Amy will freeze the food, if necessary. No pre-sales have been done yet.

Martha Fulmer has already contacted DPW to use the gate on Geary for car entry.

Car Wash second date: Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup>? Or May 17<sup>th</sup>? Sharon will talk with Marissa about the final date, then it will go out in the CommuniGator and Eblast.

LogoWear - Elia Pochron

Elia ordered a large amount of sweats, but the preorder form got a hold on it, so now we need to re-do the pre-order, Sweatshirts are black with red lettering and the sweatpants are black with red and white lettering.

Treasurer - Terri Ahuruonye

Garage Sale account \$1703

GPA account is \$1604. So logowear funding needs to come out of both accounts.

Logowear brought in \$1084. \$2731 was spent so far this year in Logowear.

Green Zebra brought in \$365.

There are some misc. amounts in the account also that aren't noted specifically for logowear, or Green Zebra.

Elia and Terri will meet to go over the accounts to see what is coming in from which sales and what the debits are.

Principal's Report - Sharon

Budget: the good news is that Gateway projects a balanced budget for next year, and all teachers' jobs are safe!

State Funding is cut by 3% and fund-raising target is down by 10% for next year.

Gateway does not need to dip into its endowment, which is good.

Very little hiring to do this year, only one teacher is not returning due to going to grad school at Harvard.

Dates to remember:

Family conferences April 29<sup>th</sup>

May 1<sup>st</sup>: Evening of Justice: Seniors present work they have been doing for civic social justice projects, They present in groups; audience is given Gator Bucks and they donate to the group that they want to support. At the end of the evening the group with the most bucks wins the event.

STAR testing May 4<sup>th</sup> week.

May 20<sup>th</sup> class registration.

Last item: the change in finals at the end of winter semester to after the break vs. during December, before break did not seem to help students who were failing classes. However the SFUSD may change the school schedule to starting early in August and ending mid December, with the school year ending before Memorial Day, so this change back maybe a moot point the 2010-11 school year.

Adjourn

Next Meeting May 12.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Gjedsted

