

May 13, 2008

GPA Meeting

Present: Tracy Pore, Jenny Hart, Terri Ahuruonye, Chris Loughran, Martha Fulmer, Mike Johengen, Amy Joseph, Tina McGovern, Ginny Gjedsted, Sharon Olken.

April minutes approved

President's Welcome and Introduction

Tracy Pore

Principal's Update

Sharon Olken

Reflections on the end of the year as an educator and administrator...quite a bit is going on right now. Seniors in their last 3 weeks of school, they get out a week early; senioritis is in the air. Gateway is in the process of hiring new teachers, although there is very little turnover this year. Gateway attracts a very large number of teachers for any one position. Class registration will be given out in advisory; registration will be done electronically on Powerschool, due May 28. AP classes and honors classes must have approval from teachers and there are different processes for different classes. Get in touch with teachers for specific details.

Budget cuts. Gateway will make it work, currently has a draft budget in place but does not include cost of living increases, hence we need the parcel tax to pass.

A subgroup of parents is working with Iris and Tina on putting together a Welcome for incoming new students and families. GPA was given the names and phone #s and script to invite the parents and their families. Anna Johengen and Daisy Hernandez will call Spanish speakers.

Sharon presented the idea that for Barbeque that GPA callers will call families from their middle school for a tighter connection.

Last day of school is June 13th as a make-up day only for Portfolios or make-up finals.

Last official day of testing is June 12th.

Amy Joseph encourages parents to come to the students presenting their portfolios on June 13th. It is an amazing experience. Chris asked if incoming parents could come also and that was supported by Sharon Olken wholeheartedly.

Logowear/Treasurer Update

Amy Joseph

Amy will be at the Welcome New Families Root Beer social with Logowear for sale.

Senior Garage Sale/Car Wash Recap

Jenny Hart – Garage Sale

Antonella Goldsborough – Car Wash

A great time was had by all, and \$1152 was made between the two events. The Car Wash made \$465 on its own! It was a very sweet community event. Martha Fulmer will co-chair next year if a senior parent chairs.

Graduation Committee Update

No update yet.

10th Anniversary Update

Tracy Pore

Signed on for Forum at Yerba Buena Gardens from 6-9pm on October 10th.

First committee meeting May 20th from 5:30 to 6:30 at school.

Chris Loughran talked about a Heads or Tails game at the Diane Feinstein auction, which sold tickets at \$10 a person to participate and netted more than \$1000.

A Live and Silent Auction will happen, Tina McGovern has solicitation letters for businesses.

The June meeting will suss out different chairs for decorations, food, set-up, etc.

GPA Steering Committee Elections for 2008/2009 school year

Tracy Pore

Job descriptions were reviewed. Elections are at the June 3rd meeting.

Gary Goldsborough will continue to be Volunteer Coordinator.

There is an editor for the CommuniGator, Barbara Kirkwood.

Grandparents Night needs to be added and will be partnered with the School Play.

The Annual Fund is needs to be on the list.

The Auction Committee needs to be added.

An After School Snack Committee should be on the list, it is on the volunteer list sent out to the families at the beginning of the school year; so are Gardening and Fix-it jobs.

Parents as Partners Coordinator should be on the list.

The School Play may or may not need to be on the list; a School Sports coordinator should be the same.

A large demographic change is families without email or who don't speak English - how do we include them? A print version of the CommiGator may be necessary which would need someone to translate and help mail them out twice a month. Students can get community service hours for translation and helping stuff mailers.

Nominations will be on June 3rd. If someone wants to apply for a position, email Tracy

Pore at: tpore@sfspca.org

Next Meeting June 3rd

Respectfully Submitted,
Ginny Gjedsted

