

## March 3, 2009 GPA Meeting Notes

Attendees: Carmela Gomez, Helene Dorian, Elia Pochron, Julie Hagelshaw, Jude Deckenbach, Lisa Elliott, Sharon Olken, Terri Ahuruonye, Daisy Hernandez, Amy Joseph, Ginny Gjedsted

Welcome and Introductions: Amy Joseph, President

February minutes approved, with the exception that Iris Smith will set-up the Root Beer Float date for incoming Frosh

Approved as amended by Ginny Gjedsted and Amy Joseph

Logowear Update – Elia Pochron

International night netted \$240!, 9 sweatpants were pre-ordered, and she will also pre-order 47 sweatshirts for the Root Beer Float sales. Elia will confirm with Terri Ahuruonye, Treasurer, who will confer with Chris Hero to get the sweats.

We can get pre-orders for more logowear when we send out the invitations for the Root Beer Float, to get a better sense of the numbers/types of sweats needed. Acceptance letters are going out March 13 with deadline to answer March 28th.

Elia is also getting an estimate on zippered front sweat shirts.

Treasurer Update/Annual fund update: up to 68% of families participating so far in the annual fund per Tina McGovern's report. We were close to this number last year, but after the phon-a-thon checks are still coming in, so we are hopeful.

Auction Update: November 14, 2009 at YBCA!!!! Thank you, Lisa Elliot!

International Night Update: A small, but lively group participated. It may have looked small because the space is pretty big, so maybe to increase numbers, get the word out earlier next year. Next year think about kids coming and bringing their parents, get the students more involved. Think about getting teachers involved. Needs more buzz, kids didn't hear about it

in advisory; maybe use advisory more??? There was no band, maybe next year have student entertainment, to attract more students. Maybe have it earlier in the school year? Maybe have an Advisory Planner come to the planning meeting? Daisy Hernandez proposed having parents go to the teachers, and calling parents at home to remind them. She has developed a survey/questionnaire that she uses to find out why Latino parents don't come to events, so she calls them to find out why they don't show up., and what events they can come to. It's a survey that could be used by all parents who chair events to find out what can be done to increase attendance at meetings and events. Survey Monkey?

Prom Update: Lisa Elliott

It is on! There was a site visit with Marissa Pena, teacher advisor for the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, The prom date is May 23 at the YBCA, from 8-midnight. Theme: The Best for Last (first freshman class on Scott St to go through 4 years at Scott Street). Linen colors are in the purple range, Budget is between \$12, 000 and \$14,000 including location, catering (savories and desserts), beverage bar, site workers, DJ Dante, photo booth, photographer, baby slide show (put together the slide show).

The next step is the Save the Date Announce – Eblast to junior and senior parents about date and time.

Then Lisa is meeting with Tina McGovern for fund-raising pitch letter, underwriting and donations i.e. sponsor photo booth, flowers, etc.

Car wash will funds will go toward the prom costs. Car Wash is April 18th at school. The garage sale was too labor intensive, for not much money, so that idea was scraped. At the last meeting the GPA thought the car wash could be more bang for the buck, and the GPA felt the seniors should be involved and working it. Marissa Pena and the seniors wrote a letter saying they are willing to step up and hopes the GPA will support them, but the seniors have to “own it”,

Student shifts will be set up and Marissa will make sure the students will be there to fill the shifts. Tickets will be sold for the event before the event. We need to figure out what is needed at each shift and that the students fill the shifts.

Lisa Elliott will work on the committee and Martha Fulmer, Julie Hagelshaw and Jude Deckenbach will also help Gary and Antonella Goldsborough. So the Car Wash committee is formed!

Daisy Hernandez and Carmela Gomez will be making food to sell – nachos, hot dogs, drink for \$5

Lisa proposed Gateway using Facebook to post the events. Gateway HAS a Facebook page already.

Principal's Update: Sharon Olken

Budget – first draft of Gateway's budget is being worked on to present to the Board in April. Due to state budget cuts, Gateway predicted they would be \$300,000 short even if they did nothing different. Gateway has been taking a close look at each line of the budget in order to maximize revenue and minimize costs. At this point, deficit has been worked down to closer to \$100,000-\$60,000 with more work to do. They are looking at ways to prevent teachers being cut or programs lost, ways to prevent affecting any students. Gateway has a bump of a slightly larger freshman class and higher daily attendance rates of 96%, so that gives Gateway a boost. Sharon wants to insure we have a balanced budget and manage that that doesn't impact the school's future.

Over 560 applicants applied this year for 125 spots!

Graduation June 13th at Gateway. Lisa Elliott has chaired in the past. We need someone to help with food and beverages after the ceremony. Names flew fast and furiously, you had to be here to find out if it was yours!

We need a Back-drop for the cafeteria for pictures and to make it look more regal, We could also use the back-drop for International Night.

Root Beer Float Social, Iris Smith chairs this. She will contact volunteers after the acceptance letters are returned so we know how many to expect. Elia Pochron should also be informed about the acceptances so she can work on Logowear orders.

April 29th is parent/teacher conferences, we need someone to coordinate food for the teachers.

Next meeting is April 14th,  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Ginny Gjedsted