

**GPA Meeting
February 9, 2010
Gateway Library**

1. Welcome

Bonnie Kabrowsky, Gary Goldsborough, Jude Deckenbach, Jackie Quella, Sandra Proctor, Martha Fullmer, Sharon Olken, Ginny Gjedsted, Pat & Bill Watson, Chris Loughran, Terri Ahuruonye, Martha Sandoval, Daisy Hernandez, Hut Landon, Tina McGovern, Mabel Chen

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2. Principal's report: Sharon Olken

Basketball update: last home game for boys tonight (against International HS) & girls played earlier today (beat International 50-12); fundraiser raffle tickets to students, raised \$1500, give \$500 in partners in health (Haiti relief); remainder to Athletic Dept.

Family survey: received 30% participation online; representative sample of school population.

WASC update: accreditation process this year; action plan for next 5 years; using survey for data; visiting committee will visit later this spring; highlights to be shared at next meeting

Project Week review: great week, built table/chair sets, music, cooking. Courses emphasis of outdoor ed this year.

Budget: District \$113 million deficit; Gateway's is \$700k. Options being considered: 1) no salary increase; 2) reduced textbook allocation. Will be doing a 4 year projection to look at fundraising and revenue reduction. This year's goal is \$875k; last year raised over \$900k. Looking for ways to enhance revenue. One way is to bring more students; each kid = \$6k. Parent responsibility is auction and annual appeal. No minimum contribution requested; last year's average was \$500 per family. Hoping for 100% participation. Goal this year is \$115k.

For donations, Gateway is now part of Combined Federal Camp for federal employees. The employees can write a check or donate through payroll deductions.

Town Hall for funding for public education on Feb 25th. Encourage all to go at Marina Middle Schools from 6:30-8:30pm

New editor (Julie Thompson) for CommuniGator started. Sport team updates will be included in future issues. CommuniGator to be changed in view maybe incorporate links for parent ed.

3. Volunteer Coordinator report: Gary and Antonella Goldsborough

Pizza sales overview from Project Week; sold pizza at cost and made \$170. Found a parent who will donate pizza for sale in future.

4. GPA President: Ginny Gjedsted

Upcoming events for next meeting discussion.
Proposals for upcoming GPA meetings.
Upcoming CarWash: Date moved to April 10th
Prom
Graduation.
Thoughts on next year's GPA Officers?

5. Treasurer's Update, Terri Ahuruonye

\$100 from Green Zebra;
\$120 from logowear;
Transfer of money discussed in last month's meeting from Chris Hero requested this week. Balance is \$1900; Suggestion from Ms. Bucher that GPA purchase tables for GPA use and store them in the vent room. Good idea agreed by all.

6. Fundraising, Tina McGovern

Annual Fund update: Auction in Fall; Direct appeal in Spring. Team, led by Tim Schmitz (senior parent); kickoff originally set as Feb 25th, but to be changed due to Town Hall meeting at Marina MS. 2 weeks of phonathon on Tuesdays. Annual fund letter to go out to all parents soon. There is a matching funds offer this year. Question from parent, whether the letter will state what the money will be spent on? Says something like “without additional funds the school can’t have small class size, after school tutoring...”

Julie noted the Re-Match Sports option; parents donate sports equipment and Re-Match Sports will seel the items and give the money back to the school. Connect with carwash date on April 10; Gary to coordinate. (carwash has changed date)

Bookstore sales fundraiser suggestion, by Hut.

Other topics:

Are there facility projects for Schwab Volunteer Day?, asked by Jackie. The corporate volunteer day uses 20-30 people at a site. Jackie to coordinate with Sharon and Ms. Bucher on options. [Schwab will also deliver MoneyWise workshops to senior Civics classes again this year in May.]

Suggestion by Gateway Board that parents adopt a class for spring cleaning; Ms. Bucher has a wishlist of items to be done. (More information about Volunteer Day at next meeting).

Jackie suggested Kathleen Mafonte (financial planner) to give a class for parents and students on financial planning.

Chris suggested Parent Ed. Class on teens and sleep.

Cindy DAMato & Sandra will speak about graduation for next meeting

6. Adjourn, 7:09pm

Submitted by
Julie Hagelshaw, Secretary