

GPA Meeting March 4th, 2008

If you no longer are a parent of Gateway, let ginnygi@comcast.net know and she will remove you from the list.

February Minutes

approved

President's Welcome

Sharon Olken

End of Quarter, grades go out during Spring Break, Students are showing stress in their own ways, be aware not all are showing the same signs of stress. Remember, semester grades go on the transcript, not mid-term grades.

Education Forum: On Tuesday March 11, there will be special speakers at Gateway at 4:30pm. These are 4 guest speakers invited by Gateway Board of Directors to address Educational Issues facing students and teachers today. There will be an early release that day at 11:50AM and an early release on March 12th at 11:30AM.

March 11th will also be a "Chevy's Night", when dining at the restaurant will help to offset the cost of Prom. This will happen at the Stonestown Chevy's only. Come and support our seniors – 25% of your meal tab goes to help support the Gateway senior prom. Last "Chevy's Night" about 35 families attended. Let's double it this next Tuesday night, bring your friends and family, treat yourself to a night out, and benefit the Gateway seniors!

Cuts in spending in SFUSD budget: \$200 less next year. Gateway gets about \$1700/year/student; this would be \$1500 next year, instead of a 4% increase as hoped. Two possible sources of help: Mayor's Office "Rainy Day Fund" and the June Ballot Parcel Tax proposal to help schools, @\$500/student. We are hoping this will go through to help with teacher salaries and to help with revenues next year. Gateway is in a good position for next year, no teachers will be cut, but fundraising will need to go up about 10% (increase by \$120K). We anticipate a need for more fundraising; bottom-line/goals: big events vs. just the Annual Fund. School events like an action may come back to help support the annual budget. Both GPA fund and annual fund funds can combine to offset deficits.

Logo Wear/ Treasurer

Amy Joseph

No recent sales due to no new events. Big events are frosh picnic and barbeque, and new freshman acceptances.

10th Anniversary Celebration

Tracy Pore, GPA President

To include parents, staff, faculty, students. Many events planned all tied to one event at the end of the year.

Possible date 10/10/08

4 possible venues, all off-site decided on: Yerba Buena site, Golden Gate Club in the Presidio, Officer's Club in Presidio, SF Film Center in Presidio

Yoshi's

Size of venue is importance, needs to be able to hold 350+ people.

\$50 price per person to include food and wine, music, and an auction, undecided if live or silent or both, still working on ideas for auction to include the Gateway community, i.e. auction off Principal for a Day, Iron Chefs of Gateway cooking a meal. More ideas are being developed.

Senior Garage Sale and Car Wash

Jenny Hart, Chair of Garage Sale

Antonella and Gary Goldsborough Chairs of Car Wash

The Garage Sale is a Gateway tradition to off-set cost of prom and senior trip, in the past the trip has been to Disneyland, or Santa Cruz! Prom is costly, \$106 per student, held at the Carnelian Room. Seniors have been selling food, candy, and soft drinks on an almost daily basis to help pay for their own prom.

Garage Sale is one day, date of May 3 or 4th (not decided yet). Items are donated by parents, solicited through the Communicator. Donations should be coordinated to come in at a certain time to allow the faculty in the office to have fewer interruptions to collect and store the donations. Students who help at the Garage Sale get community service hours!

Jenny Hart has offered to chair the Garage Sale, many thanks to Jenny! Many other parents have volunteered to help. Gary will send the volunteer list to Jenny Hart.

Antonella and Gary Goldsborough will chair the Car Wash, held the same day as the Garage Sale, to include selling food and coffee.

Contribute and come to the Garage Sale, pick up a bargain or treasure and have coffee and a bite to eat while having your car washed – everyone benefits, especially our Gateway senior students!

Graduation Reception Committee

Reception is June 14th after graduation.

Needs a chair! Pearlie Hicks will help on the Committee. Usually junior parents work on the reception, but all parents, frosh to junior, can help. Learn about what your student's final ceremony at Gateway will be like, and be a part of the excitement!

Annual Fund Phonathon following meeting tonight. We are at 60% Gateway community participation and we are aiming for 100%. We will call you to remind you of your pledge. You can even donate online from the Gateway website!

Next meeting April 15th.

Respectfully Submitted

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