

**GPA Meeting
April 15, 2008**

Present: Tracy Pore, Amy Joseph, Tina McGovern, Eve Goodman, Shirley Luk, Jenny Hart, Chris Loughran, Terri Ahuruonye, Pearlie Hicks, Madelyn McMillian, Ginny Gjedsted, Martha Fulmer

Principal's Update:
Sharon Olken is absent

Logowear /Treasurer Update:
Amy Joseph – nothing to report. Letters to new freshman went out which means that business will pick-up.

Senior Garage Sale/Car Wash Update:
May 3rd, 2008
Garage Sale Chair: Jenny Hart
Car Wash Chair: Antonella Goldsborough

Garage Sale: One drop off date so far, students are helping as volunteers to store garage sale goods. Future drop-offs will be Friday the 18th, Thursday the 24th, and the last drop off is May 2. Times are all 4-5:30pm

Baked goods would be appreciated, coffee will also be sold. Thoughts about bringing in home barbeques for hot dog sales were discussed. The chairs are trying to get the kids involved with storing goods, painting signs, helping with the baked goods and car wash. Jenny will contact the Chronicle, Craigslist, the City Star and the New Fillmore for ads about the event.

Gary Goldsborough is absent and he is the contact for the volunteers. A list was passed around the table so more volunteers can sign up for the Garage Sale or Car Wash.

Graduation Committee:
Lisa Elliott cannot be at the event, but will provide baked goods.

Gateway 10th Anniversary Update

Tentatively proposed for October 10th 2008. Places in the Presidio are either too small or already booked due to Fleet Week, but, the Forum at Yerba Buena Gardens, is open. There will be a live and silent auction at this event, in addition to appetizers, and wine. Some ideas for the auction include students cooking for a dinner, being the principal for a day. The goal is also community building and making a new source of revenue for fund raising. Funds will be raised with entrance fees, auction items and sponsorship from outside sources. Ideas were discussed to contact new/incoming parents about this event to participate in the Anniversary and auction, and to build community with the new students (some kind of welcoming for the new students and families). This grew into a discussion about Community Building for new families.

Community building for new families: – maybe start in May (ice cream social?), including how sports programs work, when the placement exams are scheduled, when the school events are going to be scheduled and getting new families involved with the school. A special orientation, maybe early evening, mid-May, the 12th or 19th? Student reps would be used (maybe wearing logowear to id them as Gateway students), current parents from all grade levels would be involved. The idea of having a foster family, a one on one contact with a new family and a current family, was discussed. Chris Loughran, Tina McGovern, and Sharon Olken (she may have been absent but she is involved!) will follow-up on this.

GPA Steering Committee Election for 2008/2009 School Year:

Ways to reach out? See above under community building...

Mailing to go out to parents regarding all the events the school offers, to get involved in events. Mailers in Mandarin and Spanish would be ideal – translators need to be identified, maybe AP Spanish students???

GPA Elections in June

June 3rd?

Tentative Yahoo Group site:

Proposed by Chris Loughran

Free internet site, parents helping parents. Pros and cons were discussed, especially misinformation, which then blows up and is hard to get back under control.

Discussions included maybe utilizing class representative to be a point of contact? Maybe fine-tune the Communigator to answer any questions with more detail, more often, or at least give a point of contact for answers to questions, and earlier forewarning of upcoming events.

Auto-dialer was also proposed to reach families in Spanish, Mandarin and English, and families without internet. It is a part of SFUSD, uses student attendance as phone number base. Tina McGovern is on it!

Next Meeting: May 13th.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ginny Gjedsted