

September 8, 2017

Attendance:

Lyn Leddy, Amy Bois, Sarah Reardon, Molly Patrick, Beth Vischer, Karen O'Donoghue, Jessica Sifferlen, Teegan Von Burn, Tamara Hallee, Darren Hudson, Nicole Connelly

1. Welcome and Introductions:

2. GPO Goals:

- Presence and Interest-shirts, golf tournament attendance
- Fundraising-new ideas
- Budget/payments-fiscally responsible

Mail review

3. Current Events and Fundraisers

- Last Day of School Celebration-Karen: staff has lunch after school. GPO has run it with end of year gifts. Nicole presented Peter with a special gift. The usual fare and went well.
- GPO Golf Tournament-Nicole and Darren: Need a new liaison for next year and recommending two. Their role is important and involved because the rest of the committee golfs. Darren-still getting things in, in terms of net gain. The committee is already going over what was done well, needs improvements. After going over some things-staff of the golf course said there needs to more kid control in terms of planning, security, and etiquette. They are looking to hire eighth graders to help with the responsibility of kids. They are requesting more of a GPO presence needed. 95 golfers this year which was record setting. Emails worked, early registration has a discount. First event sponsor this year-Insurecom and BoardUp. Would like to get sponsorship on all holes and a catering sponsor. The original goal was to get the scholarship fund endowed. Not using principal to pay it off. They no longer need to do that. Lyn asked about Nature's Classroom, NYC trips-could this be in the guidelines of the scholarship for those families who need assistance. Darren will bring this to the committee if they feel okay with giving for these families. May need to rename the tournament because it is only for graduates of GCS. Amy Bois will be highlighting the Golf Tournament in the principals newsletters.
- Welcome Back BBQ-We had more of a presence with the shirts with flyers. Tamara-lots of families and people were able to talk to the teachers and other parents. Warren and Deb did a great job. Potentially creating an Open House/BBQ rather than three separate nights came up to help parents. Time frame-having it the day before school starts because many parents and students want to meet their teachers before school starts. Tamara discussed creating a survey monkey to sign up for food.

- Box Tops-Misako Moore and Jennifer Shavor Co-Chairing. Getting ready to send out all of the information next week.
- Original Works-Amy Miller new Chair. Getting trained and is all set for October. Tamara-Asked if there could be generic artwork from the students(each class could do something about the theme of the year?) so staff could purchase it.
- After School Enrichment-Lyn:Flyers will be going out, Book Club 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>. Yoga 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> (free day of yoga initially then three offering for a nominal fee). (Tamara discussed a possible Childlight Yoga Artists in residence). Hip Hop(Anthony from LA Beatz) 1st-3rd, 4th-8th. It is first come first serve and going out to all students.  
In December-potentially Mrs. Brady will offer making cookies. Kristin Syphers-mini terrarium. Downing-jewelry. Darren -model aeronautics, free and STEM based. Talking to Beth Sommers to fit into her STEM schedule.  
Lyn made sure that we didn't conflict with other clubs or organizations that have things happening. Nicole-space is very limited in the school so we need to think of that when thinking about these programs.  
Leann Miman-Showcase Junior will be part of the school will not be enrichment.
- Italian Dinner-Molly Patrick is the liaison. Past Co-Chairs are meeting with new ones(Jessica Sifferlan). Overview of past Italian Nights.

#### 4. Financial Reports and Small Grants Requests

- August 31<sup>st</sup> end of fiscal year. Review. Net revenue is lower than usual, do to increasing requests for payments of activities. We have reserves for any emergencies.
- Paypal account (\$6800 in there now and moving this money into the general fund.) is for Golf Outing and Italian Dinner night. We have a swiping device for credit card payments.
- Golf Outing Gross total raised-\$23,775, expenses \$13,028, net of \$10,046 which may change slightly. In 2014 the net proceeds were \$4,507. Darren-can GPO create committee for solicitation, so we don't overlap for other events.
- Ice Cream Social-same amount of ice cream was bought, but the cost went up using the same vendor. Let's look for donations this year.
- Small grants: Abby Normandeau-\$50 for 14 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students, 18 book bins to keep/sort books. Approved  
Lana Hoyt-\$50-asking for binder, post it notes and case cover for iPad. Decided to get more information.
- Reading Resource budget wasn't fully used last year. It was decided that it didn't roll over into this year do to bookkeeping. Teegan and Tamara said the teachers really need better classroom libraries/rolling cart with leveled books for this new program. They will take donations of books and volunteers to help level them.

- Max Mathney-scholarship recipient was unable to keep his GPA at 3.0. Took summer courses to get his grades up and submitted all paperwork to show that he trying hard to work to return it to at least a 3.0. Lyn will send him a letter to let him know he will not receive his check for this year.
- Nicole is on the bank account as a co-signer and needs to transfer her name to someone else. Molly and Sarah will replace her.
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#### 5. Media Report:

- Amy Bois-200 likes on Facebook. People are viewing the site and we are finding it an easy way to communicate.
- Need to get our donate link button running.
- Meeting with Jodi Holt for construction of the website getting it to be more user friendly, visual. Do we need to have the financials on the website and if not how do we present it to the membership?
- Newsletter will be condensed for the principal's newsletter. This will help reduce the amount of paperwork going out to parents.
- We will be posting Weeks Public Library events on our website.
- Alyssa Tweety-shares our info on the Seacoast Bulletin as well.

#### 7. Follow Up:

- Babysitting services for Open House and Election meetings are needed. Someone needs to head it up. Find the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and get the room, and sign in/out forms. Adult needs to be there the whole time. Nicole Connelly can go to the grades and ask the students for their help.
- Veterans Day Assembly-November. Sheila Pratt-Substitute Teacher coordinates the assembly. Jen Baker and Susan Hall were Chairs in getting breakfast foods and organizing the food and tables in gym. GPO gave money for juices and bagels, coffee and creamer. Can we talk to the Greenland Women's Club since it is a community event. Sarah Reardon will be contacting them.
- Movie License-\$400 a year. Do we need to keep this? Do the teachers show movies that need this license? Tamara will check in to see if it is part of someone's curriculum.
- Month of Giving-Maybe February, to help with expenditures at the end of the year.
- Gala from 2007 checking into this.
- Rye Enrichment would be a challenge do to buses. Pool together different towns for an event.(Portsmouth, Rye, Greenland)
- Progressive Party-\$15 to attend. Families donate their homes and each have different foods or drinks. Move to each home throughout the night.
- Mr. Lang -Langs Landscaping wants to build a veggie and flower garden on the school grounds. 15x20 bed. They will not be maintaining it. He submitted it to the SAU office. Let's call to support it. He will call on local businesses/vets to help cover the cost. Lyn will discuss with Tamara for teacher participation.