

GPO Meeting Notes-9/12/18

Attendance: Lyn Leddy, Beth Vischer, Molly Patrick, Amy Bois, Jennifer Walsh, Daren Hudson, Lyn Chaney, Sarah Gott, Tamara Hallee, Karen O'Donoghue, Alana Schreck, Carol Stella, Ozzie Okoye, Stephanie Fava

1. Welcome, Introductions and GPO Overview –Lyn Leddy, GPO President; Introduction of our new Treasurer.

2. GPO Goals for 2018/2019: #1) Increase GPO Presence & Interest; #2) Increase Fundraising efforts; #3) Tighten up budget

3. Guests: Carol Stella (new parent to GCS)

4. Current Events and Fundraisers (May - Dec) Program Progress Reports

-Kindergarten Playdate update/results: Good turn out, roughly 15-20 children. Secondary playdate planned because others couldn't make the formal one. The idea of adding any new first grade students coming into the school to the playdate.

-GPO Scholarship Golf Outing/results: Net Proceeds-\$10,651.69(preliminary number), Income-\$23,849.53, Expenses-\$13,197.84. Total golfers 105, Banquet 112 including volunteers. First year with a tent and it helped greatly. Will be eliminating the kids putting contest, pizza party, and kid invite. Changing to morning shotgun. Need more volunteers to help run the banquet or will need to cancel. Thoughts on changing it to \$2000 scholarship instead to get the endowment in 4 years. Vote next meeting to change to \$2000 and determine 1 or 2 scholarships.

-After School Enrichment programs/school play: Announcements coming out on Monday. Chess Club, 2 Book Club, Hip Hop with Anthony, Touchable Animal Show, Trash to Treasure-Duct Tape. Show Choir, Math Counts, Weeks Library, Student Council, Yearbook, and Ski Club are all programs in the school in addition to Enrichment. Tamara would like to have the outside agencies get fingerprinted so they do not need supervision from the enrichment coordinator. Tamara asked if GPO could have a Safe Space for student athletes after school who have an hour before their practices or games. Possibly pay a teacher a stipend to stay for this.

-Welcome Back BBQ update: Do we want to call it GCS Welcome Back BBQ because we just fund the food? Many were happy to have one night and not two different ones. What about having the BBQ before school starts? Benefits? Alana suggested adding a New Families Orientation as well.

-Original Artworks Fundraiser set for Oct: Aimee Miller has spoken with the new art teacher and she is on board.

-Italian Dinner: Do we offer it this year? TBD Enrichment and Month of Giving has helped bring in more money. The raffle at the dinner brings in the money, not so much the food. Can we use the school for raffle items? (ie. Fast Pass for pick up, special parking spot, principal for a day, parents donating their homes) What if we do a potluck at the school instead? Possibly bring the Sauce Off back. Sarah suggested an adult party, progressive party and plan it for the year. Table it for next meeting.

-Box Tops-Announcement going out on September 24th to families. Student Council needs to fundraise, so we can use BoxTops as an incentive. They can count them and they will receive some of the funds. Stephanie will supervise the counting of Boxtops on Friday afternoons. It has raised \$27,000 since 2013.

-Annual Calendar: Officers provide babysitting for budget meetings.

Alana, Molly, Sarah and Carol will help organize the food donations, decorations and the whole Veterans Day Assembly.

Mother/Son or Family game day with field games-discussion to be had later in the year.

Last day of school luncheon for the teachers was a challenge do to the crash of server. Maria Emery made all the sandwiches for the staff at the end of the year. Can we take this on again?

Financial Report & Small Grant Requests – Jenn Walsh, GPO Treasurer

-Scholarship Recipient- The student did not have a 3.0GPA to receive her scholarship money. Jenn Walsh will notify her that she won't receive them, but can resubmit next year.

-Sue Bacon invoice for Reading Resource Fund. She has no budget for library books this year. She gets \$1500 each year from GPO. Do we want to roll over her monies from last year that she didn't spend?

Media/Marketing Report - Amy Bois, GPO Marketing

-Updated website-meeting dates and added Jenn Walsh. Susan Prebble will help with the Word Press. Principal letter out to Tamara. Can we use an app to connect the GCS and GPO Facebook page together to get the same info out quicker?

Follow Up on Action Items from Last Meeting

- Molly will put together a business sponsor/match and business sponsor template
- Amazon Smile: We need to open a separate bank account to link to Amazon. Jenn will go to the bank and then we need to market it. Sarah Reardon
- Update the GPO Scholarship criteria for PHS before Dec 1st, also need to discuss the GAP year. Discuss next month, Amy Bois and Jessica Kellogg.

New Business:

- Field Day 9/28-need volunteers to help student council with the cookout. Teachers would rather have the field day at the end of the year.
- Offering a GPO Parent Celebration Ball/Social
- Each Officer create manuals for your job by the end of the year
- New teacher/staff member "Welcome and Intro"-have one officer introduce themselves to new staff and let them know that we are here for them. Let's put this on the calendar at the beginning of the year. Beth Vischer will do this.

Open Forum:

- Stephanie Fava-can we have a parent volunteer be an ambassador for each grade level.
- Jenn Walsh-Fundraiser
- Streamlined emails to our parents. Newsletter from Jessica Freidamn once a week.

Fundraising /Event Ideas Brought About during meetings:

- class/grade raffle trays
- Joint venture w/ Thirty One (Erika Coombs) & other parent vendors
- Change/Penny donation program
- Family game night
- Cycle Fierce charity ride
- beginning of school year send out volunteer sign up sheet for events planned for whole school year via community email-Checklist with all events throughout the year for parents to say they would be interested in volunteering at. Will contact you as the event gets closer.
- Mother/son or Family dance night
- Sept survey to parents asking if they would be interested in certain offerings/programs/events the GPO was thinking of doing to field interest and gauge if worthwhile to run or not.
- Progressive party/dinner
- Sweet Pea might be willing to resell our clothing and we would get a portion of the sales.
- Fabulous Finds will donate all of their proceeds to us.

**Next meeting: Tuesday, Oct 9th @ 6:00 pm GCS Media Center
(Library)**