Grandview Heights High School PTO Minutes

February 13, 2019

6:30 pm; GHHS Staff Lounge

***In attendance***:

Laura Swanson, President

Susan Jagers, Treasurer

Gretchen Jeffries Everett, Secretary

Dot Keil, Staff Appreciation

Robert Brown, Principal

Adriann Hayes, Spiritwear

Jim Jackson, State of Devotion

1. Welcome
   1. Laura called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.
2. Minutes of the November 11 Meeting
   1. Susan moved to accept the minutes of the September meeting. Gretchen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Principal Brown Report
   1. Facilities update. At the community meetings, three draft schematics were shared. 50+ people attended the meetings. Principal Brown thinks the design chosen will be one big building. Plans include more parking and more green space. The students requested more natural light and comfortable furniture. Plans to break ground next December. New classrooms will be close to 800 sq ft.
   2. School safety and security. Top of mind for the faculty. Currently investigating options for security cameras. The second stories of the schools now have ladders and glass breakers.
   3. Spiritwear. Andy Culp, Brad Bertani and Principal Brown will reach out to the sports teams to see what the barriers are – why teams aren’t using PTO for spiritwear needs. Once we have the feedback, we’ll work on a collaborative solution.
4. Staff Appreciation
   1. Dot Keil gave an update.
   2. In December, we did Treat Yo’ Self day. It was a huge success.
   3. February’s event is Valentine themed. We have treats – dips and cookies/grapes/rice krispie treats to dip.
   4. Staff appreciation lunch that we partner with student council – April 8. PTO does the decorations, drinks and desserts for that event. We’ll have a sign up genius for parents to donate desserts.
   5. Adriann is going to give Dot Grandview-themed coasters. Dot will package them nicely for teachers.
   6. If there is any budget left at the end of the year, Dot will do another event.
   7. Dot volunteered to do Staff Appreciation next year.
5. Jim Jackson – State of Devotion
   1. Jim appreciates our patience on payments and inventory levels.
   2. Jim has a check (July through end of Nov) and some reports (July through end of January).
   3. Once his accounts receivables are paid, he’ll provide a check for December and January.
   4. Jim’s biggest issue is how stretched thin he is right now. 18-21 hour days. Jim is focused on the commercial side of the business (Speedy Print) not the retail store (State of Devotion).
   5. Adriann said we could use State of Devotion for the nicer items with unique designs – the parents prefer that because they won’t outgrow it.
   6. Susan informed Jim that the school district got the merchandise out of CVS and Giant Eagle.
   7. Jim indicated that sizes have been a problem, along with the consistency of style. Jim would like to see staples/standards – guaranteed to have the same t-shirt all the time in all the sizes. Perhaps narrowing the number of items offered, focused on what sells and change the staples a little every year (change color). Jim said pompom hats and baseball hats always sell. Jim recommends doing the soccer scarfs. Dry Fit, flannel pants, Under Armour have done well. Jim would like to design one or two premium items.
   8. Jim would like to revisit the percentages on the profit he receives. Or perhaps make it up by increasing volume (having the guaranteed staples). Or perhaps he’s the preferred vendor in creation of the items.
6. Spiritwear update
   1. Adriann gave an update.
   2. We are doing well for Spring teams.
   3. We are not doing Fun Fair this year.
7. Treasurer’s Report
   1. Susan gave an update.
   2. December and January finances discussed.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: May 8, 2019 at 6:30 pm