Grandview Heights High School PTO Minutes

Feb 8, 2017

5:30 pm; GHHS Faculty Room

***In attendance***:

Susan Jagers, President

Kim Rowland, Vice President

Laura Carter, Treasurer

Gretchen Jeffries Everett, Secretary

Becky Ryan, Spirit Wear

Dot Keil, Staff Appreciation

Dora West

Krista Joseph, Class of 2017 Liaison

Ken Chaffin, Principal

1. Welcome
   1. Susan called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.
2. Principal Update
   1. Spring Musical – there is a lot of hype and excitement around the musical “Into the Woods”. Ken thinks the musical is one of the highest pressure activities available to the students. Ken is excited and nervous for the performers.
   2. Staff Culture/Climate – Ken thinks staff culture/climate is at an all-time high. Ken said PTO’s support of the staff, in particular the staff appreciation events, are a big contributor to that.
   3. Bobcat Way Ceremony – Ken would like to have the event before Spring Break. The ceremony honors attributes we want to see in our kids: Inclusive, Invested, Independent, Responsible and Motivated. Students and staff will nominate students that show one or more of these attributes being emphasized. PTO told Ken they were happy to support again this year.
   4. PTBB shirts – students are excited about the staff shirts. Ken thought we should consider offering the shirts to students. In fact, LLMS staff is interested in the shirts as well. Ken has given his permission to share the design.
   5. Shadow a Student Challenge – Week of Feb 27. Ken will shadow one student to see life through the lens of a student. Ken will then blog about the experience. Ken is thinking of following a freshman – he followed an upperclassman last year.
   6. 2017-2018 School Year Suggestions/Ideas – soliciting feedback from PTO on how we can improve this school for our kids.
3. Senior Activity Update
   1. Krista Joseph, Senior Class Liaison, reported.
   2. Class Graduation Party will be held at Premiere Sawmill Athletic Club.
   3. Class T-shirts being designed by Patti Wilson.
   4. Baccalaureate ceremony is being planned.
   5. Spring Fling is also being planned.
   6. Communication letter to all Senior parents will be sent our early Spring.
   7. Fundraising letters have been sent out to area businesses, PTOs, Bobcat Boosters and Alumni Association.
4. Treasurer’s Report.
   1. Current assets $32,982.55. Spiritwear has made about $13,700.
5. Reports from other Committee Chairs
   1. Tara Stottlemire – Start Talking Grandview/Cyntero event was very successful – especially having it at the GHPL. 25 to 30 people turned out. Tara is looking at next ideas: Parenting Teens, Local Crime. Kim said a parent suggested Screenagers movie documentary – host a screening. There is a cost associated with it (must sell tickets). Tara is also working on stress breaks – looking at dates before Spring Break. Spring Break is March 20 – 24. Ken said March 14 or 15 maybe. Or possibly March 28 and 29.
   2. Get Swabbed – Susan met with Lisa Dusch – Lisa is working on a “Get Swabbed Weekend”. They are looking at weekend of March 10/11. Susan asked if they could open up the lounge to staff. Ken was agreeable. Lisa is going to do media. There will be different options around town – some people will be opening their homes, Grandview Library, Edison.
   3. Mel and Tara worked to video tape the Speaker Series events. Looking for help on editing and setting up YouTube channel. Ken said possibly Mark Jackson or Bobcat Tech Team. Ken said Bobcat Tech Team is always looking for projects.
6. Approval of Minutes.
   1. Kim moved to approve Minutes of January 11 meeting. Susan seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.
7. Spirit Wear Update
   1. Becky met with State of Devotion (SOD) and went through the inventory. Becky pulled all the inventory that wasn’t selling at SOD and from her basement. Becky is going to have a big sale at the next basketball game on February 17.
   2. Booth at Fun Fair on March 4 to sell Spirit Wear – working on getting shorts, tank tops and the Ken Chaffin shirt in smaller sizes for the kids. Fun Fair approached us to sell – giving us a vendor booth for free.
   3. We will also sell Ken Chaffin shirts in SOD. SOD also wants some ¼ zips, dry-fit active wear, navy and grey shirts with the horizontal bobcat logo.
   4. Becky will be making a rather big ask $2500 – $3000 for inventory. PTO preapproved a payment of up to $3000.
   5. Neither baseball nor softball team will be ordering Spirit Wear through us. Becky is talking to Track (Dot will follow up with coach) and Tennis (Kim will ask her son what the players might like) teams.
   6. Judi designed an alumni shirt, which will kick off the alumni line of Spirit Wear to sell at the football games. Judi is marketing the alumni shirt to the seniors now.
   7. Becky is soliciting names for more Spirit Wear volunteers.
8. Teacher Appreciation
   1. Dot and Laura are working together to determine how much money needs to be left in Dot’s fund for the Student Council lunch.
   2. Next week for Valentine’s Day there will be some kind of dark chocolate in the lounge; and there will be cookies for St. Patrick’s Day. April will be the Student Council lunch.
9. After Prom
   1. After Prom committee met Saturday, February 4 – invited students to get their feedback on planning.
   2. RPac at OSU has been secured as the venue.
   3. After Prom will be shorter this year – 2 hours rather than 3 hours.
   4. Considering have a hypnotist, laser tag and a tug of war inflatable (based on student feedback). Pricing and availability being investigated.
   5. Mike Nelson is going to put together a budget. We will consider donating more to cover costs if needed.
   6. Tickets will be $5. It is a way to keep track of who is coming.
10. Winter Dance
    1. Scheduled for Feb 25. Donations will go to the Steve Hall Fund. Asked that we donate food and drinks. Susan is putting together a Signup Genius.

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Next meeting: March 8, 2017 at 6:30 pm, GHHS Staff Lounge