Grandview Heights High School PTO Minutes

September 13, 2017

6:30 pm; GHHS Staff Lounge

***In attendance***:

Kim Rowland, President

Gretchen Jeffries Everett, Secretary

Dot Keil, Staff Appreciation

Tara Stottlemire, Speaker Series

Melanie Luckenbach, Communications Officers

Susan Jagers, Past President

Brandon Theiss, LLMS Intervention Specialist

Ken Chaffin, Principal

1. Welcome
   1. Kim called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.
   2. Everyone introduced themselves.
2. Brandon Theiss – Bobcat Beverages Program
   1. Bobcat Beverages Program was started by Brandon at LLMS as a version of a micro business for his students. Last year, Brandon reached out to LLMS PTO for support regarding the program.
   2. The program has expanded to high school, so he is reaching out to GHHS PTO. Brandon would like GHHS PTO to consider donating a cart(s) for the program.
   3. Eventually, Principal Chaffin and Brandon would like to create a brick and mortar weekly coffee shop (each Friday) by concession stand starting at 7:15 am.
   4. Dot talked to Brandon about pre-ordering coffees for Staff Appreciation event(s).
   5. Gretchen moved that we donate a cart for the Bobcat Beverage Program. Melanie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Approval of Minutes
   1. Susan moved that the Minutes be approved as read. Kim seconded. Minutes approved as read.
4. Treasurer’s Report
   1. Laura could not be here; no report to be given at this time because of bank transfer issues (changed from Arlington to First Merit).
   2. Laura will send out updated report for us to vote on via email or we will table until next meeting.
5. Spirit Wear
   1. Becky Ryan submitted report in advance.
   2. All fall spirit wear orders have been delivered or will be delivered within the next few days.
   3. Becky is already talking to winter sports.
   4. Spirit wear made about $5000 between Ice Cream Social and first two home football games.
   5. We will take remaining spirit wear to State of Devotion after done selling at home football games. Kim and Susan will be selling at this Friday’s game.
   6. Two new designs in lady shirts – long sleeve Tshirt and feminine hoodie.
6. Holiday Bazaar Update
   1. We were accepted to sell at the bazaar.
   2. Kim, Becky and Susan will get together to decide what items to sell at the bazaar.
7. Speaker Series
   1. Tara questioned whether the PTO still needs to provide this service given what is coming through Jamie Lusher’s office, Syntero, Start Talking Grandview, etc.
   2. Tara said PTO is definitely here to help coordinate events. Kim asked where can PTO be the most support. Should we support things that are out there or try to keep putting on our own speaker series?
   3. Dot feels like the speaker series is a PTO function. PTO could fill in with topics that Start Talking Grandview or Syntero don’t cover. Dot said she’s always interested in parenting topics or “how to have difficult conversations”.
   4. Melanie mentioned that there were a lot of shootings in the news this week, including two school shootings. This may be a topic we could tie into mindfulness that would bring together Syntero, Start Talking Grandview, etc.
   5. Ken said in “College of the Overwhelmed” (subject of the book study sponsored by Syntero), it states 50% of kids hit college with a mental health issue. Mental health topics may be a great topic(s) for speaker series.
   6. Ken offered to do a survey of parents to see what topics may be of interest.
   7. Ken also suggested that we do the presentations after an event already at the school (e.g. parent teacher conferences). The parents are already here at the school and more likely to stay.
   8. Mel suggested doing a live steam with people able to ask questions remotely. Ken said absolutely, we have the technology.
8. Principal’s Report
   1. Ken is really excited about the strategies and structures they are working on this year to help the students.
      1. Multi-tiered systems of support – MTSS – is an example. This is looking at the mosaic of the whole child. Not a lot of high schools have in-depth systems/structures to identify a student who needs support. Working on changing that at GHHS.
      2. The buy-in on this is there and the staff is coming up with wonderful suggestions.
      3. It will take time to get everything off the ground.
   2. Ken really wants to do the stress breaks this year.
9. Staff Appreciation
   1. Dot is still formulating her plans.
   2. Great ideas – 1 – Bobcat Beverage! Jim Jackson of State of Devotion bought another company for embroidery and cutting services (vinyl and engraving). Dot’s been looking for an item to top last year’s cozies. She’s been talking to Jim about something (wood coasters or wood ornament, customized clip boards).
   3. Dot thanked the PTO for increasing her budget.
   4. Mel asked about car decals – new pawprint or Bobcat.
   5. Susan suggested a coffee cup – partner with Grandview Grind.
   6. Dot will revive the gift card giveaway again for certain.
   7. Heidi Card will help this year.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Next meeting: October 11, 2017 at 6:30 pm, GHHS Staff Lounge