

GHHS PTO Minutes
September 14, 2016
6:30 pm; GHHS Faculty Room

In attendance:

Susan Jagers, President
Kim Rowland, Vice President
Gretchen Jeffries Everett, Secretary
Melanie Luckenbach, Communications Officer and 2018 Class Liaison
Dot Keil, Staff Appreciation
Ken Chaffin, Principal
Janet Callison, Best Buddies
Heidi Bechtel, 2019 Class Liaison
Margaret Kukura, 2020 Class Liaison
Dora West

- I. Susan called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm. Welcome and introductions – everyone introduced themselves.
- II. Principal Update
 - State has put in additional requirement pathways for graduation. GHSCD chose ACT pathway – so every Junior in the building will be taking the ACT in the Spring. April 19, 2017 is the test date. Ken is unaware of any school in the greater Columbus area that has chosen the SAT pathway.
 - State report cards will be released tomorrow.
 - Working on Multi Tiered Systems of Support – tracking progress through academic and behavioral progress.
 - On 9/28 – bringing in a panel to speak to whole student body on social media. Panel will include: (a) representative from GHPD, (b) representative from Syntero, (c) lawyer, (d) social media collaborative expert from Nationwide, and (e) Melanie Luckenbach from the public relations perspective. Melanie said they are looking to do a parent presentation with the same panelists.
- III. Class Parent Booster Liaison
 - Class parent liaisons are in place for all 4 classes.
 - Discussed diagram on what different groups do to support student body.
 - Discussed Jane Millers’ document from the Class of 2016 activities and the money raised for those activities.
 - Discussed fundraising opportunities for the classes by the parent groups – including concession stands so we don’t have to all solicit the local businesses.
 - Melanie discussed the Basketball Concession Stand and raising money for the various class parent group. GH Band will stock the concession and class liaisons will be responsible for the money (accounting and depositing). GH Band will have a meeting with the class liaisons to discuss the process.
 - Class of 2016 needed about \$4,000.
 - Susan requested that since PTO is responsible for accounting for the money and reporting the money, that the liaisons follow PTO guidelines on handling the money (check requests, etc.)
 - Krista Joseph has agreed to assist Lori as a Class Liaison for the Class of 2017.
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - June 2016 minutes – no updates or changes, approved as written.
 - August 2016 minutes – approved as edited.
- V. Treasurer’s Report
 - Class of 2015 opened an account for alumni events. Class of 2016 funds still on the books.
 - Total Liabilities and Capital = \$25,574.31.
 - Income Statement – Year to Date Net Income = \$2,262.10. Spiritwear is the main activity. Total income of \$21,109.95 does not reflect a check we received this week for ~\$1,000 from State of Devotion.
- VI. Best Buddies Update.

- Janet gave an update on school chapter and where we are on a state level. Best Buddies opened a state office this month. There are now 19 chapters in schools around Ohio (last year there were 5 chapters). 25 schools are on the waiting list for a chapter. Right now Best Buddies is a staff of 2 (including Janet). Best Buddies provides one on one friendship and leadership development for mentally disabled individuals. Best Buddies has an event coming up in Cleveland with Kyrie Irving of the Cavaliers is participating.
- Our chapter has a full corps of officers and 35 students. Student leadership – students that are not matched on one-one friendship programs will be set up with an eBuddy (email buddy). 3 students attended a national conference in Indiana where they received training on not just disabilities but leadership. Best Buddies is having a bake sale at the game this Friday.

VII. Spirit Wear Update.

- Becky submitted a report.
- The Chairs are working with the various sport teams on sport specific spirit wear.
- We have a lot of Football specific spirit wear left over because Meet the Team Night had rain (moved inside, A/C not on, people left quickly).
- We gave about 100 items to State of Devotion for selling. State of Devotion has all of our items of inventory. Prices are the same.
- We sold more Spirit Wear at the RLS Ice Cream Social than we did at the Football Game.
- We are accepted to be at the Holiday Bazaar on Nov 12. Looking at some other non-clothing options, maybe water bottles, coffee mugs, etc. for the bazaar.
- New partnership with Peabody Papers – 3 different stationaries. 25% of profit comes to PTO.

VIII. Committee Chair Reports.

- Dot Keil: Staff Appreciation. Dot has wondered if there were other ways to show appreciation beyond food, so Dot asked Mr. Chaffin if she could do a survey with the staff on what they might like. She received 37 responses (out of ~50) – great feedback. Dot was interested in doing an outing – maybe Woodlands Backyard for bowling? Or an outing at the Grandview Theater (working with other PTO Staff Appreciation Chair)? September: for homecoming, order drink cozies with Bobcat logo and #PTBB, then decorate Staff Lounge and have parents donate cases of soda.
- Speaker Series. We had an inventory of gift cards from After Prom, we gave 3 to Syntero to use as participation incentives for survey they are conducting. We are working with School District and Wrestling Boosters on a Self Defense class on Nov 5. Flyers are being developed.
- Homecoming: PTO provides food and drinks. Signup Genius will go out in tomorrow Weekly Bobcat Update.
- Bingo Update: Something will happen in January – don't know what it will look like yet, but it will be fun.

IX. Other Business

- Dora West: German students (20) are coming to do a production of One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest on Nov 7. Need places for the students to stay (one night). There is no school on Nov 8 (Election Day). Dora will post something looking for volunteers for lodging.

X. Susan concluded the meeting at 7:52 pm.