

2019-2020 GHS PTA Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Sept 10, 2019

Attendees:

Hal Templeton, Andrew Gitner, Josh Shellard, Tracy Fletcher, Tammy Cooper, Kay Markovich, Patty Telgener, Shannon Cross, Cassandra Hunt, Brent Hunt, Laura Weinberg, Cynthia Grover, Michelle Trader, Rachel Kastelein, Jade Trujillo, Callie Poulos, Khatantuul (Kat) Baatarsukh, Sara Page, Gail Mason, Kristi Brunel, Gina Brown, Barbara Goldman, Jackie Greinur, Joan Phillips, Chris Bird, Tricia Smith, Kristen Hathway, Wendy Renee

- The meeting was called to order at 5:32pm.
- Welcome/Introductions
- Principal's Report: Provided by Hal Templeton & Josh Shellard
 - The current enrolled student population is 1389.
 - The school year is off to a good start. There have been changes in schedules to accommodate for the addition of homeroom and Demon Academy.
 - Bell schedule changes have also been made to accommodate two late starts (Wednesday and Thursday.)
 - Experience with responsive scheduling has been positive and efforts will continue to fine tune. The Demon Academy time is used for intervention and to identify gaps and focus on improvements before they become an issue. This time can also accommodate MAPS testing and extension learning opportunities. The goal is to offer more student-choice based options.
- Review of Key Upcoming Dates: Shannon Cross
 - October 7-12 Homecoming Week
 - November 2 Demon Dash
 - December 4 Mr. Goldenridge
 - December 7 Holiday Bazaar
 - February 20 Chili Cook-off
 - April 25 Prom
 - May 15 Graduation @ Mines, Marv Kay Stadium
- Treasurer's Report – Kay Markovich
 - Patty Telgener, Jackie Greinur, and Joan Phillips completed the required financial book review of 2018/2019.
 - 2018/2019 financials are on the Google drive and will be put on the website.
 - 2019/2020 Budget was reviewed and put to the group for Q&A. Income is budgeted to be \$26,900 and expenses at \$38,390. There will be a -\$11,490 draw down from the PTA bank accounts leaving a total of approximately \$5000 to roll to the 2020/2021 school year.
 - A motion to approve the budget was made by Sara Page. Second to the motion was Tracy Fletcher. Motion passed.
 - Expenses over the summer months – Demon Dash \$100, Insurance payments \$215, Register PTA with the state \$10, and Paypal fees associated with membership.
 - Income over the summer months – Income from Demon Dash, Individual donations.
 - King Soopers income associated with PTA has generated \$652. \$2000 has been budgeted annually for the loyalty program.

- PTA Communications – General discussion
 - There was a question regarding PTA communications to membership and meeting members.
 - PTA meeting minutes will be distributed to all who attended the meeting.
 - PTA meeting minutes will be sent to those that attended the meeting prior to the following meeting. Only those in attendance at the meeting are eligible to amend the minutes. Meeting minutes will also be raised for approval at the subsequent meeting.
 - Approved minutes will also be published on the website.
 - It was agreed that the agenda for the meeting would be sent prior to the meeting and that it would also be posted on the website so those with a particular interest in an agenda issue may plan to attend.
- Fundraising/Grants/Scholarships -Kat Baatarsukh
 - Grant requests should be submitted at least a week prior to the meeting so that Kat has an opportunity to review the requests with Brian. The requests will also be placed on the google drive one week prior to meetings for members to access and review.
 - Four grant requests were received for presentation:
 1. Cory Denofrio submitted a grant for 30 white graph boards for the Physics classrooms for problem solving. The total cost of the grant is \$200. Motion to approve: Sara Page. Motion/grant approved.
 2. Bill Graves submitted a grant for \$320 to purchase tissues for classrooms for the school year. A suggestion was raised that the PTA conduct a tissue drive for the cold/flu season months. The tissue drive will be discussed at the October PTA meeting. Motion to decline: Shannon Cross. Motion/grant declined in lieu of a tissue drive.
 3. Mr. Pollo would like to conduct a Spanish cooking class for the Demon academy to spread awareness of culture. The grant request is for \$300 for cooking supplies. Questions were raised regarding the grant – is the request for one class or multiple classes? How many students will benefit from the grant? Is the fee for tangible items that can be used in the future or is the money for perishable food items? A decision was made to hold a vote on this request until Kat is able to do additional discovery to answer these questions. Vote postponed until October meeting.
 4. Andrew Gitner submitted a grant for \$4000 for a disc golf course. The course would be a 9-hole course and would be on school grounds. There has been tremendous school and community interest and the course may be a potential Eagle Scout project. There are a number of open questions and discussions, so this grant will not be voted on until there is additional information.
 - Questions/Discussion:
 - What are the liability implications?
 - There is a need to complete a district-level modification form for site maintenance.
 - There is potential for City of Golden grants and potentially from Golden Schools Foundation.
 - The City of Golden grants are available with a deadline of the end of September.
 - Both GHS and PTA can apply for grants.
 - It should be considered that the disc golf course be part of the track program master plan.
 - If a disc golf club has formed, the club would be eligible for funds from participation in the Demon Dash.
 - Great Outdoors Colorado is another option for grant funds, but the work required is significant.

- Membership: Barb Goldman
 - As of meeting time there were 53 family and 28 staff memberships. Last year there were a total of 62 staff.
 - All officers are required to be PTA members.
 - All staff requesting grants must be PTA members.
- Chili Cook-off & Silent Auction – Chris Bird/Gina Brown
 - The date for the Chili Cook-off is February 20, 2020.
 - The team is looking for 2 or more people to help with the Chili Cook-off and Silent Auction – preferably parents of younger students who can carry the event in future years. An announcement will go in the GAG requesting help.
 - Items auctioned last year were not as expensive as in past years. Seeking committee members to assist in the collection of silent auction items.
- Holiday Bazaar – Tammy Cooper
 - Gail and Kay will work to build buttons for the use of PayPal for the holiday bazaar.
 - There is a need for parent and student volunteers. A sign-up genius will be designed for volunteer slots. Chris Bird will assist with setting up the Sign-up Genius (SUG).
 - Student Council President, Callie Poulos will assist in organizing student volunteers.
- Teacher Liaison – Rachel Kastelein
 - Overview of key school year dates
 - Introduction of Student Council President, Callie Poulos and Vice President, Jade Trujillo
- Reflections – Michelle Trader
 - The theme of the PTA Reflections program this year is Look Within.
 - An original poem or story, a song, a photo, or visual work of art may be submitted.
 - Deadline to submit is mid-October. Posters and GAG announcements will start next week.
 - Last year a GHS student won a national award, so please encourage participation by our talented students.
- Demon Dash – Sara Page / Kristen Hathway
 - Date of demon dash is set to 11/2/19 at 9am.
 - To date \$4800 raised in sponsorships
 - Looking for sponsorships from car dealerships – does anyone have a connection? If so please reach out to Sara Page.
 - Any club that participates will receive 75% of registrations. The club with the largest number participating will win 100% of registration.
 - There will also be a plaque or trophy for the club that has the best theme.
 - Demon Dash will be advertised during Club Rush on 9/19. There will be computers for registration and stickers for those that register. There will be a Signup Genius during homeroom for student volunteers to sign up.
 - There will be table at the Golden Gallop on 9/22 advertising the Demon Dash and fliers will be placed in Golden Gallop bags with a discounted registration option.
 - The GAG will advertise for additional volunteers the day of the race. Look for a Sign Up Genius soon for prerace logistics and packaging, etc. and volunteer slots for the day of the race.
 - A Demon Dash tab will be placed on the website for visibility and easy access.
 - “Get Me Registered” is the race registration tool.
- The meeting concluded at 6:55pm.
- NEXT meeting date: Tuesday, October 8 @ 5:30pm.