

GPA Meeting  
October 13, 2009, 6:00pm  
Gateway Library

**Welcome and Introductions**

Members present: Ginny Gjedsted, Terri Ahuruonye, Deundra Hundon, Julie Thompson, Julie Hagelshaw, Bonnie Kalbrosky, Joy Zimmerman, Pat and Bill Watson, Sharon Olken, Martha Fulmer, Jackie Quella, Tina McGovern.

**September Minutes:** Moved for approval by Ginny Gjedsted; Sharon seconded.

Confirmation of posting: Upon completion, Sharon reviews the notes. Kevin McCoy posts them online and Julie sends them to attendees before the meeting.

**Principal's Update: Sharon Olken**

Thank you to everyone coming.

-Upcoming: tomorrow (October 14) is the SFSV (SF School Volunteers) Luncheon. Gateway is being honored as School of the Year of 30 nominees. The school draws widely from community. And draws many volunteers as well. A Senior is giving a brief speech. She was chosen because she used the tutoring services every year for math.

-1<sup>st</sup> enrollment event was a huge turnout; biggest ever; estimate 300 people came! There is a need for volunteers per Jackie Quella. Community members who know the school to answer questions and direct guests around the school.

-Public School Fair is Nov 7<sup>th</sup> and the next open house is Oct 19. Iris needs help at SFUSD Fair per Jackie. Approximately 1000 families come to the Gateway table at the SFUSD event. Are there shifts per Ginny? Helene Dorian wants a morning shift. Ginny to let Iris know about Helene.

-Oct 23: End of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. Report card with narrative comments. Midway through gets progress report to D and F grades. Only semester grades on transcript.

Family conference with 2 teachers; encourage student to come on Nov. 10

-Oct 30: Annual Halloween party. Costume contest in Assembly; Mr. Crown is Emcee. No parents allowed. Lunch activities. Do parents bring treats? No. Teachers have Dept contest.

-International night on Thurs., Oct. 15.

-Swamp Soiree, Saturday, Nov 14

-Annual Fundraising luncheon, Nov. 3. No school. Usually a student interviews an author. However, this year the author of Funny in Farsi will give a speech. Event raises \$150k. Attendees are mostly school supporters, not necessarily parents. Lunch is served in the hallway. All are invited to come. Request an invitation at the office. \$175 per person.

-Last Thurs. (Oct. 8) was the 2<sup>nd</sup> focus group about a Gateway middle school. As it turned out, only Spanish speakers attended. Concerns included high ac standards, family involvement and safety.

**Logowear Update: Elia Pochron**

No news to report per Ginny.

**Treasurer Update: Terri Ahuruonye**

Need to coordinate w/ Elia regarding logowear sales. In past, Logowear was the primary fundraiser. Teri has worked with Chris Hero to separate GPA from Gateway and SFUSD accounts. It is still a work in process per Ginny

Joy Zimmerman asked how money is raised vs money raised by the parent association? Donate to school not GPA. Expectation is? Work with school. Funds raised by auction go to the school and annual fund. Carwash, Prom, Logowear fundraising by parent assoc. School operations pay for teachers. Student-related fundraisers pay for prom. Who decides how school money gets spent? School-related: the Board. Per Sharon, according to the annual budget. She's responsible for proposal of budget...includes all major expenditures, such as librarian (not paid for by parents), revenue of budget is ¾ public funding; ¼ money raised (through Tina's office). Year end appeal to supporters of public education; parent annual fund is auction, direct appeal, Last year 91% participation of parents last year.

Any area of needs? asked Bonnie. Per Sharon, it is done to some degree. Grant applications will say it. But we don't have it for annual fund. Per Tina: there's a worded need at luncheon. Sharon: we could do it this way; when someone wants to support a specific thing. Shortfall? Is there some where it could be interactive.

### **Upcoming Events:**

International Night: this Thursday; The Watsons got water donated; flyers sent in English, Spanish, Russian & Chinese. Brainstormed ways to get kids involved; from 6-8pm; bring a dish to share. Hoping for kids to help get community service hours for setup/cleanup. Plan to be as "green" as possible. Setup at 5pm.

Teacher Appreciation, Nov 10; Sandra Proctor is in charge. Bring food in the morning or later in the afternoon for the evening.

Swamp Soiree, Nov 14<sup>th</sup>: Student volunteers to set up during day; 2 hour shifts. They will be fed. Need parent volunteers. Complimentary drink from 6-6:45 (Swamp Swill?). Come early for silent auction. Silent tables will close in increments. 6-8pm is silent auction; 8-9pm is live auction.

Tina: items include a trip to New York, Warrior's skybox, a winter package, 49er signed football; Sonoma house, dinner with the Principal. Need wine donations to auction and to drink. Creative folks needed for baskets. Suggestion by Joy: Ask each family to bring a bottle of wine. Invites go out tomorrow; also will send Evites.

Still need: wine, services, jewelry; boutique stuff;

Invite your friends.

Money goes to Gateway

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 6pm, Gateway Library

**Adjourn, 7pm**

Submitted by

Julie Hagelshaw, Secretary