

Present: Tracy Pore, Amy Joseph, Gary Goldsborough, Antonella Goldsborough, Ginny Gjedsted, Jenny Hart, Tina McGovern, Lisa Elliott, Joanne Wells

GPA Steering Committee September 11, 2007

1. Welcome. New Volunteer Coordinator!!! Gary Goldsborough.
2. July Minutes approved
3. Principal's Update:

Incoming Freshman class is amazing! Changes in recruiting, bringing in diversity, articulating what is expected from students and families. Frosh Advisory groups met first at freshman orientation, intimate meetings to instill Gateway's vision and "Fridge Sheet" handouts given. 9th graders all get day planners. About 70 extra were ordered for other students.

Emphasis on helping identify different learners and helping students to learn better.

Test scores came in today and Gateway's aggregate score was one point lower than last year, but there was no one reason why. Sharon will look at each student against him/herself to better understand the data; more information at the next meeting from Sharon.

9th grade level meeting this year had a great turn out within advisory groups.

4. Logowear/Treasurer Update: Amy Joseph
\$800 on sweatshirts and \$600 from somewhere, \$1400 in the treasury! Should we think about sweatpants, t-shirts?
5. Parent annual Fund: Tina McGovern
\$16,562 as of today. Golden Gator Circle \$7500 so far. If you pledge now you won't be called at the phonathon in October. You can give any amount and can pledge over installments though the school year.
6. "Seniors worth knowing" tea: Ginny Gjedsted
An event to celebrate older caregivers/grandparents 11/16/07 before the play. To be an evening of culture to include some finger food. The play is a 7 or 8pm?
7. Back to School Night 9/18/07 6-8:30.

- First meeting in the Theater. GPA President, Tracy Pore; Logowear, Amy Joseph; and Annual Fund team, Tina McGovern, Susan Hoffman and Ginny Gjedsted will speak/be present at the beginning. Food? Keep it simple. Cookies and water to eat on the way to the theater. Meeters and greeters at the door, check volunteer sign-up list.
8. Junior parent grade level meeting 9/12/07. Needs a senior parent to speak to the junior parents... Tracy Pore. Little Theater. Starts at 6pm greeter needed at the door. Lisa Elliot will greet.
 9. Jenny Hart will greet senior parents on October 4th. ? will speak to soph parents?
 10. School Play,
How can GPA help? Contact Mr. P's input. Usually players parents are the one's involved in donating food, etc. Maybe one parent can approach Mr. P to contact the parents as soon as the cast is set. Amy Joseph will contact Mr. P. re: parent volunteers for sets, food, etc. Lisa Elliot will also help with supplies.
 11. International Night 01/31/08 a Thursday vs Friday night for better attendance.

Next meeting is October 16, Tuesday 6-7.

No GPA meeting in December.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ginny Gjedsted