

## **GPA Meeting February 10, 2009**

**Attendees:** Amy Joseph, President; Ginny Gjedsted, Vice-President; Terri Ahuruonye, Secretary; Sharon Olken, Principal; Elia Pochron, Logowear; Jude Deckenbach; Martha Fulmer; Antonella Goldsborough; Gary Goldsborough; Carmela Gomez; Daisy Hernandez; Pearlie Hicks; Susan Lai; Tracy Pore; Jackie Quella

**Approval of November Minutes.** The January 13, 2009 minutes were approved.

### **Auction – Tracy Pore**

The auction committee is looking at the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, with a planned date of November 14, 2009. Plan B is the Galleria at 888 Brannan in the Design Center.

Ginny Gjedsted is the Co-Chair.

The theme of the auction is “*Swamp Soiree: Strut Your Feet to the Gator Beat!*”

Ticket prices - \$35 in advance; 4 tickets for \$100; \$40 at the door.

The next steps are to look at volunteer needs, software, and setting up committees. Next month time will be spent organizing the committees.

The money raised goes into the General Fund and is used to offset the Parent Annual Fund. A suggestion was made that fundraising sometimes works better if funds are targeted to a specific purpose. As a group we need to think about what would most inspire the parents.

Events for the auction, such as the cocktail party at Jude Deckenbach’s house and the dinner at Sharon Olken’s parents’ house were real community builders. We should continue to build on those types of donations for the auction.

### **Logowear – Elia Pochron**

The sweats were introduced at the Project Week Gala. There were some pre-orders, but before they are ordered we will wait until International Night to see if more pre-orders are received. We raised about \$200 at Project Week.

Sharon Olken and Elia Pochron met with Chris Hero to discuss the GPA account. The GPA/Garage Sale account has \$2,386. The GPA is in good shape financially. Last year pre-order forms were sent out to incoming freshman with the invitations to the root beer social and the logowear inventory sold out. A Treasurer is needed to keep track of the GPA funds. Terri Ahuruonye agreed to be the Treasurer and Ginny Gjedsted volunteered to take over the secretarial duties.

### **Car Wash**

A decision is needed on a date. The proposed date is Saturday, April 18. Getting the Geary gates open would help get more people in. More student commitment is needed. Sharon will speak with the students to see if they will commit to the event. Food could be sold while people wait for their cars. The funds raised from the car wash go to help lower the prom ticket prices.

### **International Night**

Students can be used to help set up and tear down. It could be coordinated through Joyce McMinn. Gary Goldsborough called and invited Freshman and Sophomore families, and will call Junior and Senior families.

### **GPA Involvement Survey**

Amy Joseph is working on a survey to see how we can get more parents involved to attend GPA meetings. One suggestion was to put some agenda items in the GPA meeting announcements.

### **Principal's Update- Sharon Olken**

Mayor Gavin Newsom will visit Gateway on Friday, February 13. He will be stay for about an hour. The plan is for him to go to Advisory, and then he will address the entire student body for about 15 minutes. During the remaining time students will present their Project Week activities. Parents are welcome to come.

The deadline is coming up for the lottery. Acceptance letters will be sent out March 16 and the acceptance deadline is March 28. The GPA should think of dates to have the root beer social. Letters can be sent out in early April to those accepting admission to Gateway.

Students seem to be focused after Project Week. A tally of the honor rolls determined that 246 of 450 students are in one of the four honor roll categories. The categories are

1. 3.67 or higher High honors
2. 3.0-3.66 Honors
3. Perfect Attendance
4. All outstanding in Process of Learning (this is a new category)

### **March Meeting**

The next GPA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Terri Ahuruonye, Secretary