

# GHS PTSA Meeting

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

**Meeting opened** by President Carrie Bohrer at 7:02pm.

**Welcome and Introductions** – President Carrie Bohrer opened meeting by thanking Vicki Lightener, who served as Corresponding Secretary, for her service in PTSA – she will no longer have children at GHS. Carrie also thanked Cathleen Marose for serving as the GHS PTSA treasurer for two years.

**Approval of May 2017 Meeting Minutes** – Kim Braun – Accepted: moved by Liz McClure seconded by Lisa Bixler. Approved by voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report** – Cathleen Marose– Cathleen handed out the 2018-19 GHS PTSA Budget to look over for a vote in New Business.

## **Committee Reports –**

Staff Appreciation Committee – Liz McClure announced that the GHS PTSA catered a luncheon for GHS staff during Teacher Appreciation Week. It was catered by Paisano's restaurant.

Boosters – Carrie Bohrer reported on behalf of Rob Allen that Booster's need volunteer help on Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup> for the Senior Picnic from 10-10:30 am. Interested parents can contact Carrie Bohrer or Rob Allen.

After Prom Committee – Melissa Benowitz reported that they had great fundraisers and contributions and were on pace to raise more than the budget predicted. The After Prom event is Friday, May 18 from 11p – 4am and is free to GHS juniors and seniors as long as they have a pass. They have over \$7,000 in prizes to raffle off at the event.

## **Current Business –**

1. Carrie Bohrer explained that PTSA had made honorariums to help out several clubs/activities and motivational speakers at GHS this year.
2. PTSA also pays for buses to take graduating seniors and their families to DAR Constitutional Hall for graduation. There are five bus tickets still available at this time. Parent Volunteers are needed on Monday, June 4 to check people in to the buses for graduation.
3. MCCPTA – There is still overcrowding at GES. MCPS conducted a study on the overcrowding and have suggested building a new school on part of Kelley Park in Gaithersburg. If they move forward with this idea, there will be a boundary study conducted. They will be holding open meetings for comments on Monday, May 21 and Monday, June 4. Please see Carrie if you are interested in this project.
4. The former treasurer of the MCCPTA last year, Leesa Betts was sentenced to five years in jail for embezzlement and ordered to pay restitution. A full statement can be found on the MCCPTA's website.

## **New Business**

### 1. Election of Officers

Slate for GHS PTSA 2018-19:

President: Carrie Bohrer

Vice President: Dawn De Barros

Recording Secretary : Kim Braun

Corresponding Secretary : Liz McClure

Treasurer: Ted Seifu

MCCPTA Reps: Lisa Bixler and Kristen Jones

Before the vote to elect officers, Carrie Bohrer called for any further nominations from the floor. There were none. There was an election by voice vote. Objections? None. In favor? All in attendance said yes.

2. Carrier Bohrer made a motion to resubmit the GHS PTSA Bylaws which are posted on the website. Lisa Bixler seconded the motion. None opposed, all were in favor to resubmit the bylaws.

3. Suzanne Walsh motioned to approved the GHS PTSA 2018-19 Budget. Kristen Jones seconded the motion. None opposed, all approved the 2018-19 budget.

## **Principal's Report**

Dr. Handy was present for her last official PTSA meeting as the GHS Principal.

1. Dr. Handy introduced the New Athletic Director for GHS Mr. Will Gant. Mr. Gant share information about himself and the Gaithersburg Athletic Program. He will officially begin in July 2018, but is at GHS now to learn about the program. Mr. Gant told parents that tryouts for Fall sports begin August 8, 2018. Make sure students have paperwork filled out and have had the required physical.

2. Dr. Handy reminded parents that the prom was Friday, May 18. She thanked the parents who volunteer for After Prom. She gave words of advice for parents of students who will be attending prom.

3. Dr. Handy handed out information about the testing schedule for the following week.

4. Dr. Handy implored parents of seniors to have conversations with their children pertaining to "senior pranks". No vandalism can be tolerated. Silly is fine, but please be careful.

5. Graduation is June 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm at DAR Constitution Hall. No school for all GHS students on this day.

6. Drawing for Box Seats for the Graduation Ceremony:

10 Box Seat Tickets Winner: Jamie Sengsourichanh

5 Box Seat Tickets Winner: Tran Luu

5 Box Seat Winner: Jefferson Iracheta

7. Last day of school year for students is June 15. Last day for staff is June 18.

8. Over the summer, MCPS will be taking out computer labs updating the “tech mod” facilities at GHS, such as Chromebooks and new technology that replaces the computer labs. Dr. Handy is asking MCPS for desks and chairs to convert the old computer labs into classrooms that are needed.

#### 9. Summer programs at GHS

GHS is offering more summer programs for students this summer. New this year: a PE summer program, so students can complete his/her PE credits over the summer instead of during the school year. Also new will be a tech education course will also be offered for credit. Check the GHS website for more information or to register.

There will also be a Khan Academy/PSAT week long summer camp during the last week of June for selected sophomores who scored well on the PSAT this year helping them to improve to become Merit Scholars.

AP Summer Camp – July 23 – 132 students will be identified to take AP classes at GHS. This camp will help them prepare for classes. Camp will be one week for 9<sup>th</sup> graders, two weeks for upper classmen. Email Dr. Handy if you’d like more information.

10. Dr. Handy’s last day will be June 30<sup>th</sup>. There is nothing unusual about staff departures. Most open positions have been already filled for next year. There is a vacancy for computer science teachers, a choral teacher and an art teacher.

11. Dr. Handy introduced the incoming GHS Principal, Mr. Cary Dimmick. Mr. Dimmick has worked 24 years in MCPS. He is coming to GHS from Sligo Creek MS. He has also served as Assistant Principal at Richard Montgomery and Watkins Mill High Schools. He grew up in central Pennsylvania in a family of educators. He attended the University of Maryland and played on the UMD baseball team with GHS Assistant Principal, Mr. Nutter. Dr. Handy has been helping him with the transition to GHS.

**Meeting Adjourned** by Carrie Bohrer at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/Kim Braun/

Recording Secretary

See next page for attendees list.

GHS PTSA May 16, 2018 Meeting Attendees:

1. Kim Braun
2. Lisa Bixler
3. Kristen Jones
4. Paula Walter
5. Liz McClure
6. Ted Seifu
7. Dianna Wissink
8. Kevin Harwood
9. Cathy Grimes
10. Amy Weyman
11. Cathleen Marose
12. Laura Henning
13. Vicki Lightner
14. Melissa Benowitz
15. Suzanne Walsh
16. Dawn De Barros
17. Denise Chatman
18. Iheoma Orduh
19. Jefferson Iracheta
20. Carrie Bohrer
21. Dr. Christine Handy