

GHS PTSA Meeting

18 October 2017

Meeting opened by President Carrie Bohrer at 7:05p.m.

Welcome and Introductions – Carrie Bohrer

Guest Speakers - GHS Athletics Director Jason Woodward explained new MCPS Portal way to sign up to participate in athletic activity.

GHS Staff Development Teacher Ms. Lanise Stevenson discussed new teaching approaches to writing and explained "Sentence Level Writing Responses" to parents.

Ree Ree Burke and her daughter explained Heart Chase – a program to educate students about heart health and teach students CPR. Program to begin in February 2018.

Approval of May 2017 Meeting Minutes – Kim Braun – Accepted: moved by Suzanne Walsh; seconded by Liz McClure. Approved by voice vote.

Committee Reports –

Boosters – Need parent help with concessions at sporting events.

After Prom – Suzanne Walsh explained that the GHS PTSA After Prom event hosts over 500 students and needs at least 70 volunteers. It is a free event to GHS students. The After Prom committee needs more parent members. Your child does not have to attend the prom or be a junior or senior in order for you to be on the committee. Prom will be held May 18, 2018. There will be an After Prom committee meeting for interested parents on November 15.

Staff Appreciation – Liz McClure said that there are over 300 staff members. The SA committee puts treats in their mailboxes certain times of the year. Coming up in Decemeber, they will host "Cookies and Cocoa" for GHS staff. In February they will host an Ice Cream bar and in May, a luncheon for Teacher Appreciation Week.

New Business –

Treasurer's Report – Cathleen Marose – Money from memberships coming in. Mixed Bag Fundraiser set to begin.

President's Report – Carrie Bohrer explained that the PTSA represents all families, has a great working relationship with GHS administration, helps to fund speaker fees, wellness fair, etc.

Parents are needed to help form a Turkey Bowl Team – See Mr. Nutter if interested.

Mr. McDaniel is looking for parents interested in organizing a staff/parent basketball game.

Next PTA meeting will be Wednesday, Nov 15. College and Career Readiness (State and county guidelines will be topic presented)

Principal's Report – Dr. Handy announced that this is Homecoming Week. Pep rally on Thursday, football game (wear Blue and Gold) on Friday and dance on Saturday. Volunteers needed to work coat check at the homecoming dance. Dress code – girls must wear spandex shorts under dresses.

GHS Education Foundation's GALA is Nov 11th. This foundation helps to provide grants to support GHS clubs, field trips and help fund the GHS electronic sign.

November and December – GHS Cares Campaign asking for donations of gift cards from grocery stores and department stores to help families in need during the holidays.

Juniors – Applications for the Education Credit Union due Friday, Oct 19.

No graduation date given to GHS yet.

Adjourned by Kim Braun at time 8:35p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Braun

Recording Secretary