



**Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, December 3rd, 2018  
7 pm in the GHHS Media Center**

**Call to Order at 7:07 PM** by President Nayma Kose

**Minutes Radha Tandri:** Approved November 5, 2018 meeting minutes by the board with no changes

**Treasurer's Report, Madhu Sunku**

- End of November \$39k in deposits
- Paid for teacher's Grants – deadline extended

**Teacher Reps, Mr. Colin Richardson and Ms. Caroline Moakley**

- Some teachers made joint requests and Ms. Moakley requested PTSA to honor those
- Teacher's Grant helped buy tons of books and the students are benefitting from the grant

**Weapons in School by parent Jason Troiano**

Mrs. Summer's email about weapon in the school prompted a discussion about preventing weapons in the school and the parents recommended a zero tolerance policy for weapons

**Principal's report, Karen Summers**

Mrs. Summer in response to the weapon incident:

Wake County has very detailed guidelines as to what constitutes a weapon. Specifically, if it is a weapon that looks like a gun or any weapon, the student will be suspended for long term. We need to care about the safety of the school first. Student bringing weapon to school will be suspended for long term and will not return for the school year. Wake County has a policy that any time a school recommends a long term suspension, there is another committee to review the suspension. This is like another tier to review any suspension.

Mrs. Summers requested assistance in having conversations at both home and at school to build strong relationships with students and encourage open dialogues with their students. She is confident that such open dialogues will motivate the students to report immediately if they see or feel if something is not right.

**Vaping issue-**

- Marketing is huge for vaping and Juuling. Noted there was a short term decrease in Vaping and Juuling incidents after the message was sent out on Vaping
- The school administration is open to hearing from other High school admins- If any principal from another high school has done a parent information session or a central co-ordination for educating parents on Vaping
- Requested PTSA to possibly explore a parent education session in January

## **Other items from Mrs. Summer's report**

- GHHS has roundtable conversations with a group of students on various topics discussed every week. One example was *Race Relationship* conversation, where students felt that they were not equipped to respond to a friend or to a stranger. Students felt they needed to get educated
- Seminar on December 13<sup>th</sup> - *How to have crucial conversation?* A student roundtable conversation on what is going on and will open up to Q&A
- Human trafficking is now part of the state curriculum
- GHHS is a leader in discussing suicide
- To promote inclusivity, the school would like to welcome everyone from other beliefs to put up prompts at the front office for holidays. This would all students to learn about other Holidays
- Pitter scholarship- Bob Pitter passed away a left all of his money to Apex high school and GHHS. Last year 7 students received 12500/year \$50k. Senior who has one full year of varsity sports is eligible to apply for the scholarship
- By month end we will put out Senior exemptions

## **Kathleen's report on Falcon night –**

- Falcon night started as *Before or After Prom Party* and has been there for the past 3 years. However, the attendance to the falcon night event has been very low
- Discussed if we could allocate this money to another event that is more meaningful for the students

## **President's report –**

- Dec. 17 Hot Chocolate Day for students. November Hot chocolate was a big hit among students
- Sister PTSA school, Ashley High has given list of needs for 17 families due to Florence : Mr O' Brian will be here from 12/10- 12/14 to collect funds and items
- Discuss ways we can create awareness & talk about dangers/consequences of Drugs/Vaping in schools

## **SAC president Fara :**

- January welcome back -Jan 4
- February breakfast for seniors – Need lots of help in setting up and cleaning up
- Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> Breakfast for Seniors– Christine will chair the event. This will be one of the biggest ones with 725 kids
  - \$2700.00 Budget already approved
  - 2-3 people will be needed to get donations
  - Get last year's donors list (Harris Teeter, Chick-fil-a, Costco.....)
  - Need to plan ahead for the event

**Meeting was adjourned with a note that the next meeting of the board will be on Monday, January 7 at 7 PM in the media center with SAC meeting at 6 pm.**