



GHHS PTSA Board Meeting Minutes Nov. 3 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 by President Dee Deanhardt.

President Deanhardt reminded members to sign and mail in their conflicts and ethics forms, if they have not done it. The forms are to be sent to President Deanhardt or Secretary Jean Miller. She also announced that thoughts from Bill Fletcher from Nov.1 were included in the meeting packet.

The meeting minutes from the October board meeting were discussed briefly and amended. Nancy Caggia motioned to accept them as amended, Sonya Critser seconded and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Kim Weglar. Treasurer Weglar reported that she had received the Jostens check from last year and the I-990 filing was received by the IRS on Oct. 14 .2014. She also announced that invoices for a recent order of burgundy hoodies and long sleeve t-shirts had been paid. Treasurer Weglar also brought up Teacher Grants for discussion. The board proposed to remove the line on the grant application form that states no reimbursement is made for technology. Chelly Williams made a motion to strike that line and Sonya Critser seconded. The motion carried. Next a proposal was made to open up the grant program to TAs and clerical staff. Nancy Caggia made a motion to accept this proposal and Karen Andrews seconded it. The motion carried.

President's Report: Dee Deanhardt. President Deanhardt announced that a request was made by Principal Summers to purchase a crown, cloak and scepter for the Teacher of the Year (TOY). Principal Summers explained these items would be worn by the TOY as a way to recognize that individual. The board agreed that this is a fun way to recognize the TOY. It was also suggested that the board make a 100.00 gift card donation to the TOY, again in appreciation of the hard work of the TOY. A motion was made to buy the crown, scepter and cloak for approximately 250.00 using funds from the Board Discretionary Fund by Nancy Caggia and seconded by Kim Weglar. The motion carried. A second motion was made by Nancy Caggia to purchase a 100.00 gift card for the TOY using the same fund and seconded by Chelly Williams. The motion carried. President Deanhardt went on to announce that there would no longer be hardcopies of the newsletter but all newsletters would be done electronically in the future. The deadline for the next newsletter is Nov.14 and it will go live Nov.24 2014. Finally President Deanhardt reported that Kim Campbell was still working to separate the website domain of the PTSA from the Save-a-Life website. This separation proved to be more complicated than originally believed; however President Deanhardt will make or recreate a new domain for the PTSA if this transfer is not accomplished by Jan. 2015. The renewal fee for the website domain is not due until May 2015.

Principal's Report: Karen Summers. Principal Summers reported that GHHS is one of 13 schools selected to pilot a program called Bring Your Own Device (BYOD). Students will be allowed to bring laptops, tablets etc. and use them in class for note taking. Teachers will have the option to say "yes it is a tech

day” or “no today is not a tech day”. Wake County will make the kids click on a terms of agreement form and teachers will not touch the students’ computers. Principal Summers also reported that GHHS will be getting approximately 800 laptops and every teacher in Wake County will be receiving a new laptop. The laptop purchases are made possible by the bond referendum that passed in the last Wake Co. election and is part of a capital improvement plan. Along with the laptops, there will also be lockable carts purchased to charge the laptops and keep them secure. It was noted at this time by Principal Summers that the Wi-Fi bandwidth can support these programs.

Teacher Rep report: no updates,

Review and update board members and committee Chairs: no new announcements. There was some interest for the VP position; names should be submitted to the nominating committee.

VP Report: Chelly Williams

Nancy Caggia reported from Advocacy that for 9-11 graders the NCPTA is asking that number grades be reported along with letter grades, to help make the transition to the 10 point grading scale. The NCPTA is currently asking the NC Board of Education to do this and any and all letters to the NCPTA from parents would be helpful. The implementation of the new grading scale is still be discussed.

Staff Appreciation: Nov. 18 is most likely the date it will be held.

New Business: President Deanhardt reported that in July 2012 approximately 20 pages of very specific rules were added to the standing rules. President Deanhardt noted that these rules need to be reviewed sometime in the spring and edited. These rules are posted on-line and President Deanhardt would like the board to review them for discussion in the next few months. President Deanhardt also reported that the gym “Workout Anytime Cary” would like to partner with us for a no-fuss fundraising. Before moving ahead with this program, the NCPTA will be consulted to ensure it is appropriate. Harris Teeter will match our fundraising effort dollar-for dollar if we meet 250/trimester. Finally College Planning could be offered by Hamilton Roberts if there is an interest.

It was noted the 5 day exam schedule for this semester will be from Dec. 12-16.

The meeting adjourned and the next meeting will be Dec. 1 at 7 in the media center.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Miller, Secretary

Dee Deanhardt, President