

Grosse Pointe North High School Parents Club Meeting Minutes – September 20, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Members in attendance: Rose Abraham, Clarissa Bailey, George Bailey, Ron Bernas, Jeanette Ekin, Lesley Graham, Annemarie Harris, Colleen Hughes, Gemila Loeper, Mary Ann Magill, Rosa Michaelson, Erick Michaelson, Laure Peabody, Gretchen Schock, Kathy Sexton

Principal Report by Principal Kate Murray

For the second year in a row, Grosse Pointe North High School teachers are ranked number one in the state. All staff vacancies have been filled. Katie Vernier and Geoffrey Young are the new Assistant Principals. They have several years of classroom experience which is beneficial to the administrative team. The newest additions to the staff are English teacher Sarah Clinet and math teacher Kelly Maisel.

She also discussed the following:

- Link crew welcomed freshmen at a combined orientation registration day. They continue to meet with the freshmen throughout the year before school begins on various late start Mondays.
- They held “First Friday Class Meetings” on Friday, September 14 where they reinforced “what we do here and what we don’t”, and they discussed other important information pertinent to each class respectively.
- Homecoming week has gone smoothly. She reinforced the importance of attendance. Students are expected to behave appropriately during the pep assembly and when they return to class.
- The football team started a new tradition where each team member wrote a note to a staff member that impacted them. They gave their jersey to that staff member to wear to school and to the homecoming game. Those staff members will make a tunnel for the football team when they enter the stadium.
- Parents attending the pep assembly are asked to sit at the top of the bleachers making sure there is enough room for all of the students.
- The parade starts at Monteith Elementary School and goes down Cook Road to Morningside to the back parking lot of GPN.
- Students are reminded to dress appropriately at the dance. There will be jackets and shawls for students who are not dressed appropriately. There will be random breathalyzer tests. The dance begins at 7 p.m. and goes until 10 p.m. students will be locked in until the dance ends.

On the Horizon:

- **October 4, 5, 6 at 7 p.m.** The fall play *Noises Off* will be performed in the Performing Arts Center.
- **October 6 at 6 p.m.** *Light Up Grosse Pointe Bullying Awareness Walk! Walk 4 a Mile in My Shoes* sponsored by Love My Laces. Parent of a senior, Mrs. Galloway, organized the walk It will begin at GPN. Register at www.lovemylaces.com/walk-registration.
- **October 10** PSAT testing at GPN
- **October 12** GPN vs. GPS game and family friendly tailgate prior to the game.
- **October 13 at 7p.m.** Fall Choir Concert in Performing Arts Center.
- **October 14** GPPSS Open House 1 p.m. -3 p.m.
- **October 17 & 18** Parent Teacher Conferences from 5 p.m.-8 p.m. which coincides with Grosse Pointe realtors open house.

Hot Items:

- Five Minute Passing Time

President Report by Gretchen Schock

They are looking for someone to work with Mr. Young on a fundraiser for seniors to paint parking spots. Parents are encouraged to sign up for Remind 101. Text @GPNPAR to phone number 81010.

Events Report by Vice President Lesley Graham

They will be doing events differently this year to celebrate GPN's 50th celebration. Holiday Tea will be December 5 in the afternoon in the Performing Arts Center. This is a community event where the GPN and GPS choirs will perform. Parents are asked to donate cookies to the event. North's Got Talent, a scholarship fundraiser, is in the planning stages and will take place in February. The Green and Gold Gala is scheduled for April, and the date is being finalized. It will take place at GPN and will include multi-generations working together. It will be a 50th birthday party for GPN and will include dinner and a show. The fashion show will be included in this combination of 50 years of arts, fashion, community and athletics.

Membership Report by Vice President Jeanette Ekin

No current membership number yet. The idea to randomly raffle gift certificates to Parent Club members to boost membership was brought up. Ron Bernas moved to approve the idea and Rose Abraham seconded it. There was no additional discussion, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report by Erick Michaelson

Summary: There is approximately \$64,000 that the Parent Club is working on giving back to the school and students. Some changes were made to the budget. See the 2018-2019 Budget for details.

Grants and Scholarships Report by Vice President Annemaire Harris

It was suggested we change the spending for grants from \$8,000 to \$10,000. Lesley Graham moved to implement this increase and Annemarie Harris seconded it. There was no additional discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

There were three summer requests for grants: 1) \$185.71 for the purchase of a table and four chairs submitted by Social Worker Kelly Osborne for use with students in her office. Lesley Graham moved to approve up to \$200, and it was seconded by Erick Michaelson. There was no additional discussion, and the motion passed unanimously. 2) \$300 for the cost of attendance to Kevin's Song Conference by two counselors requested by School Psychologist Christine Kuhl. Rose Abraham moved to approve the request, and Ron Bernas seconded it. There was no additional discussion, and the motion passed unanimously. 3) \$2,000 for the purchase of a Shapeoko XXL CNC Mill to be used in the Innovations Lab requested by Sean McCarroll. Jeanette Ekin moved to approve the quote amount of \$1890.95 up to \$2,000. Ron Bernas seconded it. There was a brief discussion of what the equipment is used for and who would be using it, and the motion passed unanimously.

Social Media Report by Social Media Secretary Rose Abraham

The website, Facebook page, and Twitter account are all up and running. Any information you want added, please contact her via her email RoseMairePlus3@gmail.com Dan Roeske contacted her because he would like to discuss the upcoming bond election at a Parent Club meeting. Ron Bernas moved against having Roeske come and speak to the group, and Gretchen Schock seconded it. There was a brief discussion that included that this does not address the group's mission, this is not a political forum, but if Mr. Roeske would like to make himself available for questions and host a meeting on his own somewhere the Parent Club would post it for him along with his contact information. After discussion, a vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

- **Beautification Report** by Rosa Michaelson included GPN grounds cleanup. It usually takes place prior to homecoming, but due to the early homecoming, it will take place prior to the North/South game.
- **School Board Observers Report** by George Bailey and Robert Harris. No Report Given
- **PTO Council Report** by Gemila Loeper. No report given.
- **Hospitality Report** by Colleen Hughes. There are several upcoming events (see Principal's Report). Back To School Night was a success. We served water and cookies and sold Parent Club t-shirts. T-shirts are still available for purchase for \$20.
- **Northern Lights Newsletter Report** by Ron Bernas. He is interested in knowing how many people actually open and read the newsletter. He is not receiving contributions from the different groups (e.g. class advisors, band, choir, etc.) He would like to know what people want included in it. Rose Abraham suggested she refer to it and post a link to it on social media. The suggestions was well received.

New Business

Lesley Graham reported that at Back To School Night parents wanted to know where to get training on Schoology. Parents of all grade level students may attend training at any of the three middle schools that are offering it.

Next Meeting TBA: Due to a scheduling conflict with Parent/Teacher conferences, the next meeting will not be October 18.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Recording Secretary Kathy Sexton to President Gretchen Schock for approval on September 20, 2018.