

GPA Meeting
October 16th, 2007

Present: Tracy Pore, Gary Goldsborough, Eve Goodman, Martha Fulmer, Sharon Olken, Ginny Gjedsted, Darryl Burton, Mike Johengen, Jenny Hart, Amy Joseph, Lisa Elliott, Joanne Wells

1. **September Minutes** approved

2. **Principal's Report**
Sharon Olken

Attendances at grade level meetings was spotty, particularly 10th grade. Reasons why? More info and E-blasts to parents could help? 9th grade was very well attended. Second college counselor hired! Celine Jo worked as high school counselor and in UCB admissions. She will start with half the juniors getting ready in spring semester.

Fund Raising Luncheon, October 9th, speaker was Michael Lewis, sports author of "Money Ball". Thank you to Lisa Elliot who helped staging and set up. The event was amazingly well attended and surpassed the fund raising committee's expectations!

This year is Gateway's 10th anniversary (2008), so a committee was formed to put together forums, parties, alumni interaction, current students. Tagline is: "Honoring differences, inspiring achievement".

The committee is looking to raise ten \$10,000 gifts. Sharon is thinking about ways to spend it. It would be one time funding, so it would have to be one thing. Thoughts? Scholarship funds to help kids going into college. Any other ideas? Please send you thoughts to Sharon.

PSATs rescheduled for Wednesday October 17th. Another volunteer mentor is needed from 8-11:30.

November 6th is family conferences. Communicator to be used to ask families to bring in food for teachers that day.

3. **CommuniGator**,
Joanne Wells

Difficulties with Communicator reaching some email addresses. Needs help with calling parents during the day for correct updates on email addresses. Gary will check the volunteer list for people who can phone from home during the day.

4. **Logowear/Treasurer, School Play**,

Amy Joseph

Logowear balance \$2,105. 13 sweatshirts left! Selling like hotcakes! Tag line for 10th anniversary could be worked in and onto t-shirts or sweatshirts. Alumni event in January maybe time to order 10 year logo on sweatshirts. Sharon will talk with Tina and then talk with Amy.

School play is going strong. Several committees are being formed. Tracy is helping with props, Jenny Hart is helping with costumes, Lisa Elliot is helping with the set and lights, Amy is working on culinary arts both for the actors and audience.

Seniors worth knowing happening Saturday, 11/17 before the play.

Many ideas to be worked out: how to contact, where to hold it (library?), # of expected guests, should they be seated in special section of theater, food/tea, clean-up, different name for the event (seniors worth knowing implies there are seniors who aren't worth knowing). Development will handle invitations, Tina asked GPA to help with tea and food for seniors. Event will probably be in library. Tina has database of relatives, should we ask through the Communicator for other names? And who would be the contact person?

Can we also ask for families to bring food? Honor those people part of extended Gateway family at tea...wording for invitation and logo for event. Blurb in Communicator for families and then contact, RSVP to Bonnie, Tina's assistant, with names/addresses. Need hosts too.

5. **Phonathon/Annual Fund**

Tina McGovern, Ginny Gjedsted

Volunteer parents to call from the school two nights, Wednesday and Thursday, this week. At the \$37,000 mark already, including pledges.

6. **Volunteer Coordinator,**

Gary Goldsborough

Gary is working on new volunteer sheets. Gary asks that chairs/faculty include Gary on cc list when volunteers respond so he can keep track of who is volunteering.

7. **Parents as Partners/Safety Policy**

Jenny Hart

Parents as Partners topic: Safety at the school, school policies for emergency medical forms, sports teams driving policies, disaster planning, emergencies, etc. Sharon is happy

to put together a meeting for parents to review policies and procedures, safety plan. Also not just what the district demands but what is unique to Gateway. Accessibility to plans.

8. **Enrollment Open Houses**

Lisa Elliot

October 30, November 8, December 4, January 16th all at 6-7:30pm
Well attended first Open House 200+ parents

9. **Senior Garage Sale and International Night**

to be chaired by Susan Feyock. No date for prom yet.

Next Meeting November 13th

March meeting rescheduled for March 4th

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginny Gjedsted