

GHS PTSA Business Meeting

December 17, 2018 at Gaithersburg High School

Meeting opened by PTSA President Carrie Bohrer at time 6:34 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions: President Bohrer welcomed everyone. She announced that she and GHS Principal Cary Dimmick planned visits to all of the elementary schools and middle schools in the Gaithersburg HS Cluster in an effort to dispel old negative rumors about GHS and to share the positive things that are going on at GHS. They had been to a meeting at Laytonsville Elementary school and planned to go back there on Wednesday, Dec 19th for another meeting that included a panel of students from GHS and some 8th graders from Gaithersburg Middle School. They had visited Forest Oak Middle School last week.

Approval of September 20, 2018 Meeting Minutes was moved by Kim Braun; seconded by Liz McClure. Approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: President Bohrer presented the report on behalf of Treasurer Ted Seifu. She share the 2018-19 budget as it currently stands and explained that the expense of \$2,180.00 is money that was owed to the Boosters for the membership monies collected that the PTSA shares with Boosters.

Committee Reports :

Boosters Club: Boosters Club Chairperson Rob Allan reminded everyone that the winter sports season has begun and we should support our winter teams. The Boosters Spirit wear shop will be open a few days per week for students during lunch. Dates are still to be determined. President Bohrer thanked Boosters Club for providing Spirit wear tee shirts for her to give out at elementary and middle school visits.

After Prom: President Bohrer read the After Prom committee report. After Prom will be held at Gaithersburg HS this year and they have worked with an entertainment vendor and secured amusement rentals that will fit in the school. The After Prom fundraiser of the controlled raffle is set to begin in January - winners to be announced at Mr. Gaithersburg. Let them know if you're interested in being a raffle ticket captain to sell tickets. After Prom received \$850 from the Montgomery County Collaboration Council for Children, Youth and Families Inc. Under 21 Grant. They also recieved \$50 from the Laytonsville Women's Club. After Prom used great Black Friday deals to acquire some large ticket items for grand prizes. They remind everyone that they will gladly accept any unwanted holiday gifts.

New Business:

President Carrie Bohrer reported that the Student Summer Jobs Fair will take place on January 22, 2018 at 6:30pm in the trophy hall at Gaithersburg High School. (Snow date: January 28). Vendors who offer student summer jobs will line the hall. Some of the participants are the City of Gaithersburg Rec, Aquatics, Bar T , Montgomery County Police Department and more. They are still looking for more vendors.

Meeting Adjourned by President Carrie Bohrer at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Braun, Recording Secretary

After the Business Meeting, presentations were made:

GHS NEW Registration Process: Ms. Anne Adams

AP Testing at GHS : Mr. Rudy Tyrell

Principal's Report: Mr. Cary Dimmick reported that the current student enrollment at Gaithersburg HS was 2,482 students. He broke down the numbers into females and males and by grade. He discussed programs at GHS such as the Discrete programs like LFI, SCB and Bridge. Mr. Dimmick discussed the graduation support programs that GHS will offer to help able students to graduate on time. He also reported on a student and staff survey to show Mindset at GHS. He said that if students have the mindset that they can accomplish tasks and they have a hopeful view toward their future, they can succeed. Adults can help form the positive, hopeful mindsets of children. It should begin in elementary and middle school. Taking more rigorous courses to prepare students for college should happen earlier so that when students get to high school they are prepared to take honors and AP courses and prepared for the extra work.

Mr. Dimmick also shared first quarter behavior issue statistics at GHS and says he is pleased with the low numbers. He explained how behavior issues are being handled at GHS.

Mr. Dimmick explained the dangers of juuling and electronic cigarettes. He showed slides of examples of what e-cigarettes and charges look like. He urged parents to engage their children about this subject and to keep vigilant.

Mr. Dimmick shared positive highlights of GHS and shared student and staff accomplishments.

He took questions from parents.