



**City High/Middle PTSA**  
**Tues. Oct. 20, 2009 6:30 PM**  
1400 Fuller NE • G.R., MI  
**MINUTES**

**Present:** Sara Potyraj, Kate McCrindle, Anne Marie Bessette, Elise Tripp, Andy Bowman, Wayne & Lisa Glatz, Kim Waalkes, JaneAnn Benson, Wendy Shick, Nikki Steed, Alice Christiansen, Sharon Hayward

Wayne called the meeting to order. September 9(Ann 1<sup>st</sup>/Wendy 2<sup>nd</sup>) & 24(Kim 1<sup>st</sup>/Ann 2<sup>nd</sup>) minutes were approved.

**Member Matters-** None

**President's Report-** There is now a crosswalk in the front parking lot. There will be signs for pedestrian crossing and a recommendation to remove or cover the staff parking signs in the front and have the student park in the north end to cut down on congestion @ dismissal. We will watch and see how the signs and striping work before we look for "crossing guard parents".

**Vice President's Report-** We still need a VP!!!!

**Treasurer's Report-** Jane Ann said that there was little activity for September. The October membership dues will produce some activity in the account. Elise and Jane Ann will touch base on the Lowe's grant numbers.

**Secretary's Report-** NONE

**Principal's Report-** Absent

**Committee Reports**

**Student Group(s) -** None

**Teacher-** Absent

**GRPS District Advisory Council-** Wayne reported that GRPS lost fewer students than anticipated. The non-homestead millage is coming November 3 so be sure to vote. It will cost the average homeowner \$0. MAP testing is being implemented in the elementary schools to track student's academic progress. Sarah reported that AP classes will not be 70% tests and 30% daily work.

**Communications-** Kate reported that there were 939 unique visits out of the 1970 for Sept. She will re-circulate the "HOW TO" post for the Google calendar. Matt needs the vent list to post. There may be a new system by May 2010. Hopefully she & Matt can take on a new trainee after the first of the year.

**Education Advocacy Committee-** Anne Marie mentioned the EAC meeting Thursday, October 22 @ 7pm @ the Wealthy Bakery. They are working on getting more schools and organizations involved. KISD's grassroots meeting emphasized the need to email, call, and send a letter to your reps about the school funding issue and how the cuts are affecting our kids. There needs to be a new way to fund schools! Governor Granholm is vetoing the right stuff. There will be a \$165 cut at the beginning of this year and possibly a \$120 additional cut mid-year.

**City High/Middle Coordinating Council-** Has not met yet.

**MPTSA-** NONE

**Fundraising-** Sharon reported that she got the **auction** books from Rose and will contact previous team members to set up an initial meeting in November. **SCRIP** has added Senior Grad Night on the form along with CBOP and

Drama/Forensics/Debate. There were a record 22 **grants** sent to GRCF from City students. John Tindal is currently working on a classroom grant. The **sweatshirts** should be in next week.

**Membership-** We really need the volunteer lists, membership cards, and directory as soon as possible. Ted Bonarski was not present to give an update. Kate needs all of the emails to import for PULSE distribution.

**School Competitions-** Amy Bronkema is looking for a High School parent representative. The first Academic Games competition is this Saturday. Mrs. Wilson is looking into establishing Science Olympiad & Robotics teams.

**School Building, Grounds, & Site-** The workdays were successful, getting 80% of the planting done. Elise will speak with Dale about getting the other 2 courtyards done. GRPS Head of Facilities donated tools & supplies to help with the workdays. There will be a spring clean up coinciding with Earth Day in 2010. An Eagle Scout may be helping with the courtyards too.

**School Life-** Nikki reported that the potluck served between 400-500 people. She is looking to use more environmentally-friendly cups and plates for next year (GFS?). The Recycled Art Show will be Sta., Nov 7 from 903. Check out the link on the website for the numerous vendors and what they will be selling. Senior Grad Night will be selling food there. Wayne will let Dale know that the movement to the gym was time-consuming and really not necessary.

### **Affiliated Groups**

**CBOP-** The orchestra concert is Wednesday, October 28 @ 7pm. City-wide Choir concert is Tuesday, October 27 @ 7pm @ Ottawa Hills. Younkers Community Day is Sat. November 14...buy your coupon books now for only \$5.

**Drama/Forensics/Debate-** The play has been cancelled. Maybe the Shakespeare theme scared people off. It looks like City with combine with Union for a spring musical. Variety Show is January 29-31. We should recommend that the VS auditions are posted at least 1 week in advance.

**Senior Grad-** Alice reported that the timeline is going well. They have the site and are working on entertainment, food, and fundraising.

### **New Business**

**Conferences Feedback-** Tuesday had VERY long lines. Thursday seemed to go better but also had fewer people. The early 2:30 & 3:30 times are NOT parent-friendly. Why are there only 2 nights? We will check with Dale Hovenkamp to see what % of parents attended. Most people like the gym better because then parents & teachers can see all of the lines and keep things moving better.

**MEAP Snacks-** Matt Gonzales requested snack for MEAP testing and Deena Cook took care of that.

**RIF-** A haunted house theme will be at Mangiamo's Sat., October 24 from 11am-2:30pm to raise money for GRPS.

**Next Meeting-** Tuesday, November 17, 2009 @ 6:30 pm

**Adjournment-** 8:17 pm