

GREENLEAF FRIENDS ACADEMY
Parent Teacher Fellowship
Minutes of Meeting held March 2, 2009

In Attendance

PTF Leads

Jeanie Hetrick
Monette Glenn
Jeanne Maloney

Parents

JoAnn Behrends
Belva Post
Debbie Swanson

The meeting opened with prayer led by Jeanie Hetrick.

I. Jeanie Hetrick attended the February Board meeting and provided the following summary:

- Wendell Unrau opened the meeting with devotions.
- Minutes from the prior board meeting were read and accepted.
- Superintendent's Report:
 - Ken Sheldon invited his administrator's to attend the PTF meetings on at least a quarterly basis.
 - Building maintenance: Nothing new at this time.
 - Ken thanked the PTF for their hard work. He commented on the new and updated bulletin boards in the school lobby and in the office hallway.
 - The Dress Code Committee consists of Sandi Hazen, Joanne Warren, John Erlich, Amy DeHogue and Teri Hungate. The Open Forum meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11th at 7:00 PM in the School cafeteria. Additional committee members are still welcome to join. Please contact Ken Sheldon if you are interested in helping
 - The Virtue for March is "Respect".
 - The Academic Committee is working on the NASC accreditation.
 - Enrollment: Two new students have enrolled at GFA. Host homes are still needed for foreign exchange students. Nampa Christian School has lost 104 students this year.
 - Background checks will be conducted for GFA staff who are not certified.
 - The bus driver's policy is outdated and is in the process of being reviewed.
- Development: Donations received from the Annual letter are approx. \$15,000 more than last year - for a total of approximately \$35,000.00
- Finance:
 - Change for the 2010-2011 school year: The Cunningham Financial Aid (CFAP) will be the first tier for tuition funding for ALL families in need – this includes Staff, Faculty, Administration, Minister/Pastor and families attending GFA. The Minister & Employee Financial Aid Program (MEFAP) will be the second tier of financial support for Minister/Pastor's and Staff, Faculty and Administration who apply for additional financial support. This new process is very different from the past. Please read the full document which is available in the office in the School Board minutes or request information from Maxine Brown. Applications for both funds have a deadline and when the available funds are distributed there are no further funds available.
 - A comparative GFA tuition analysis was conducted. GFA tuition rates are lower than Nampa Christian and Cole Valley except for the Pre-K grade.
 - The school budget has balanced.
 - The total Centennial Campaign amount is currently at \$973,983 (75% of goal). The Endowment fund is at \$642,000 (64% of goal). Unfortunately, Albertson Foundation denied our request for a sizable contribution.
 - Next board meeting is scheduled for March 16th at 5:30 PM with closed session and the open meeting starting at approx. 6:30 PM. Check the web page for updates.

2. PTF Updates: The following action item responses were received from Ken Sheldon:
 - Dress Code: Meetings by the Uniform Committee have been held. A survey has been sent to all parents and 36 responses have been received back. The committee will meet on March 9th to review the survey and prepare for the Parent Forum on March 11th. The parent forum is scheduled for 3/11/09, 7:00 PM, in the dining hall. The meeting will be a question and answer session to gather information on how to proceed.
 - ASB Link: A link can be established on GFA's webpage but shall reserve the right to determine what goes on the link.
 - Jr. High Math Curriculum: The Academic Affairs Committee will begin to review and recommend changes to the current Jr. High Math Curriculum. The goal is to have teachers, especially those with a math background on the committee.
 - Photos on the Web: GFA is developing a policy to put in place and will add the policy to the handbook.
3. Encouragement Team:
 - March birthdays have been assigned.
 - This year's Teacher Appreciation week will include a Breakfast during the second week in May. Monette Glenn will be organizing this event. Please contact Monette if you can help out.
4. Volunteer Team:
 - **Next family workday is Saturday, March 14th** beginning at 9:00 AM.
 - The Caldwell Free Methodist Church Small Groups are looking for service community projects. Jeanie to email Belva Post at with a list of projects for their review.
 - Volunteer projects on GFA's website are in the process of being reviewed. Updates will be forwarded to Brenda Butler to include on the GFA webpage.
5. Spiritual Team:
 - Prayer Circle information has been completed for March, April and May and will be included on GFA's website. The Prayer Circle link includes the Monthly Virtue and Scriptures, the Chapel schedule and POC's for HS and Elementary schools, and prayer requests.
6. New Business:
 - The Greenleaf Home & Garden Fair will be held on April 17-18, 2009. Detailed flyers have been posted and updates are available on GFA's website. Help is still needed for Friday night's dinner. Please contact JoAnn Behrends if you are interested.
 - A suggestion was made to add the "GFA School Song" on the Gymnasium wall using vinyl lettering. Jeanie will talk to Ken Sheldon about this idea.
 - JoAnn Behrends mentioned there is a Senate Bill #S1085 that places a moratorium on new charter schools until 2012. JoAnn suggested parents review the bill and contact their representatives.
 - Debbie Swanson would like to know if any parents are interested in selling back used uniforms. Please contact Debbie or Jeanie Hetrick if you are interested, and/or if you have any ideas concerning this topic.

Upcoming PTF Events

- Next PTF meeting will be held on Monday, **April 6, 2009** at 7:00 PM in the school cafeteria.