

George C. Marshall PTSA Board Meeting Minutes May 2, 2016

Attending: See Attachment A

Meeting: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. and adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Guest Presentation: Daniel Reinish, Journalism Department and Yearbook, Patrick McCabe (Co-Editor-in-Chief of the newspaper) and Carolina McCabe (Business Manager of the yearbook).

Mr. Reinish, Patrick and Carolina gave us an overview of GCM's Student Media and Journalism program. The Journalism program provides students with a platform to practice real-world skills in a business setting. The following skills are taught and emphasized: teamwork, deadline and time management, leadership, problem solving, budgeting, finance, and responsibility. Ways to support the Journalism program include buying a subscription, ordering a yearbook, purchasing an advertisement, and donate supplies or equipment. Students are encouraged to contact Mr. Reinish or anyone on the team to learn more about the program.

Principal's Report:

- Danielle Schoolcraft, Assistant Principal and Program Head for Science and Performing Arts accompanied Mr. Litz for the meeting
- Junior Focus Day was a huge success
- SOL testing will begin 5/23
- Student course selections will go home during the 4th Quarter interims. Parents and students should be mindful of the last day to make changes to the course selections
- As of 5/2, 2,095 students were enrolled at GCM
- Cindy Blakeley, Student Services Director would like to host a mini session on "how to write a college essay." Date and time of the session TBD but will most likely be in September.
- There are a number of concerts, awards ceremony, and key events in the coming months. A few of the events include Band Spring Concert on 5/26 at 7:00 pm, Choir Spring Show on 6/2 and 6/3 at 7:00 pm, Senior Prom on 6/4 at 7:00 pm, Spring Orchestra Concert and Awards on 6/7 at 6:30 pm, Spring Awards Band Banquet on 6/8 at 7:00 pm, Choir Awards Banquet on 6/9 at 3:00 pm, Marching Band Rookie Night on 6/14 at 7:00 pm, Graduation on 6/21 at 11:30 am. Refer to the master calendar on the PTSA website for events and dates.

Treasurer's Report:

- Maureen presented the financials ending April 2016
- Expenses are rolling in with no further revenues expected for the year
- We will need to make one final dues payment at the end of the year
- We do not anticipate using all of our budget for the year and therefore will have money remaining for specials needs/requests
- An awards ceremony is still planned for Reflections
- The PTSA has received very few funding requests from student clubs this year
- The PTSA will be contributing \$750 to help cover the cost of one band uniform. This was decided shortly after our meeting.

- As a one-time gesture, we will be donating \$200 to the IB Film department to use as prizes. The funds will be taken from the student clubs line item.

President's Report:

- During our next PTSA meeting on 6/13, we will be voting on GCM's Teacher and Staff of the Year
- Nominations will be read and voted upon during the 6/13 meeting
- We are still looking for a freshman or sophomore parent to fill the position of PTSA VP in fall 2016. The goal is for the VP to eventually move to the President position.
- Due to a conflict with the Spring Sports Banquet, it was decided that the June PTSA meeting be moved to 6/13

Committee Reports:

- On 5/11 at 7:00 pm, there will be a screening on "Social Media" A panel from Thoreau and GCM will be at the screening to share and answer questions
- Band – Fundraiser to raise money for 128 band uniform has begun. Each band uniform costs \$584. Please support the band by purchasing raffles and participating in the fundraiser.
- Hospitality – There is an opening for Hospitality Chair. The Awards Ceremony on 6/17 is the last Hospitality event of the year. Drinks and cookies will be served.
- Newsletter – The newsletter will be released on 5/3. Faculty sponsored clubs have been sending content to the newsletter team. Keep the newspaper content coming! The last quarterly newsletter will come out in late June/early July.

The next PTSA meeting is 6/13/2016.

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