

GHS PAC Meeting

June 7, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm

Motion to Accept: Val Grills

Secretary's Minutes from May 2012:

Approved and Accepted: Val Grills

2nd: Doreen Lagace

Update from Mrs. Kowal:

1. "History Channel" filmed at GHS on May 16th
2. On May 30th there were 35 veterans to be interviewed
3. "Thank You" letters are being sent to each veteran who participated, along with a photo of them and the group who interviewed them
4. Mrs. Maynard's students prepared a luncheon for the veterans following the interviews

Update on the Budget:

1. Dr. Dilorio provided an update on the budget concerns and what would be affected if the budget did not pass.

Board of Education update by Nyssa Frazer-Phillips:

1. Recipients of the CABA Student Leadership Award were Deanna Edgar & Dylan Marten. Award is given to male & female student who show qualities of leadership, academics, & community service.
2. Sam Rentz & Brandon Walsh were recipients of the CAS Scholar Athlete awards – given to male & female student based on their academic & athletic careers
3. CAS Visual Award was given to Laura Walsh & Cody Barber – Seniors who showed outstanding ability in the performing & visual arts
4. Dr. Frizzell recommended that an honorary diploma be given to Mr. Joseph Ali of Lisbon, who is a veteran of the Korean War. Mr. Ali accepted this diploma at the RISE Pep Rally
5. Academic sub-committee met & reviewed a new college prep calculus course at GHS.
6. "Laws of Life" essay winner was Kylie Flynn, who will represent GHS at the state level
7. Cara Roberts secured a grant from Lowe's for the beautification of the new pavilion as an outdoor classroom & community facility
8. Ajia Zimmerman reported on the election of Student Council & National Honor society members.

- a. Student Council Officers: Monique Maynard, Krista Colter, & Tyler Longolucco
- b. National Honor Society Officers: Roshan Patel, Adam Rock, Lexie Edge, & Karen

Walsh

- 9. Teacher of the Year is Betsy Kowal
- 10. GPS Technology Plan for 7/1/12 – 6/30/15 was presented by Jill Curioso & BOE

approved

Teacher Update by Laureen Anthony:

Science (Academic Leader: Lorraine Dawley)

- 1. Mr. Chester’s Honors Biology classes are dissecting the fetal pig. Other Biology classes have been dissecting the frog
- 2. With the retirement of Sandy Grabowski, the Science Dept has assumed responsibility for both “Medical Terminology I” and “Medical Terminology II”
- 3. Members of the Science Dept have been attending meetings with the State of CT Science Consultant, Liz Buttner, & other science educators to review the framework for science standards which will be implemented in December 2012.

World Languages (Academic Leader: Rick Rule)

- 1. Spanish students are preparing for final assessments, which are largely project-based: Spanish I students are creating a brochure & poster for a hotel/resort they have designed; Spanish II CP students are revising their children’s stories & are creating Power Point presentations; Spanish II Honors students are researching a Spanish-speaking country as though they are exchange students; Spanish III CP & Honors students are mad scientists designing the best new animal by combining the best attributes of other animals & describing all attributes in Spanish

Community Involvement

Terry Cholewa & Jenn Johansen are taking a group of students to the American Legion Veterans Housing Project in Jewett City on June 5th and GHS students will volunteer to clean the apartments to prepare them for the grand opening on June 11th.

Health (Instructor: Sandy Grabowski)

Mrs. Grabowski is proud to announce that **ALL** of the CNA students passed their certification test & are now “Certified Nurse’s Aids” in the State of CT!

Dr. Frizzell’s Update:

- June 1st: Senior BBQ & early dismissal (for Seniors only)
- June 1st: Senior Prom at Lake of Isles
- June 2nd: SATs at NFA
- June 4th: Senior Class trip
- June 5th: Underclass awards
- June 6th: Senior Awards & Banquet
- June 7th: PAC meeting at 7:00pm in the LMC

- June 8th: Student Council BBQ
- June 11th: BOE meeting
- June 12: Final Assessments begin
- June 18th: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL (1/2 day)
- June 18th: Senior breakfast & graduation practice
- June 19th: GRADUATION at 6:00pm in GHS gym

Mr. Peel's Update:

Final Assessments

1. Schedule on website
2. Moving from "exams" to "assessments"
3. May 18th is ½ day; students can stay until 12:06pm dismissal – OR – students can leave at 9:45am with a signed permission slip

Proms

1. Both "Junior" & "Senior" prom went very well.

RISE Pep Rally

1. Very emotional with "Veteran's History Project" & diploma provided to veteran Joseph Ali
2. "Inspiration Award" to Tyler Sudal (Sp?) for helping his mother with dialysis. In attendance were Tyler's parents, his mother's dialysis doctor, and Jen Bernstein of Fox 61
3. "Teach of the Year" awarded to Betsy Kowal
4. 2 students won iPods for perfect attendance, courtesy of Jeff Laro
5. Wanda Brunet scholarships given out

End-of-Year Speeches:

1. PAC awarded a "perfect attendance" plaque to Chris Kutschker who hasn't missed a single PAC meeting all 4 years his son attended GHS
2. THANK YOUs given as follows:
 - Nyssa Frazier Phillips* as PAC BOE representative
 - Deb Whitmer* as PAC Secretary
 - Laureen Anthony* as PAC Teach representative
 - Doreen Lagace* for her PAC volunteer efforts
 - Val Grills* as BOE Board member
 - Dr. Frizzell* as GHS Principal
 - Matt Peel* as GHS Associate Principal

Raffle (embroidered items donated by STM Embroidery):

Bag w/embroidered logo:	Laureen Anthony
Polo shirt w/logo:	Bridget Kinney
Mini lunch bag w/logo:	Betsy Kowal
Towel w/logo:	Wendy Davis

Motion to close the meeting:

Motion made:	Val Grills
Seconded by:	Nyssa Frazier-Phillips

**Next meeting: September 5th in the GHS Library/Media Center

Respectfully submitted by Deb Whitmer