

GVPTA March 2018 General Board Meeting Minutes

Date, Time, and Location: Thursday, March 15th at 8:30 in cafeteria. **Meeting called to order** by President Heather de Roos at 8:25 AM. Minutes from previous meeting passed.

President's Update: Heather deRoos

STEAM Expo was a hit! We got some feedback from the event: some vendors were too far. We need more publicity; some kids might not know about all the new things each year. We need a map of where the rooms are AND a more detailed explanation of what each room entails. It's free...did you know? We need more volunteers, which is always a problem. Let's get 5th graders more involved next year.

Did you know that the district has a calendar where you can see what is happening at EVERY school? Click on the box underneath the GV Calendar to access the entire district calendar.

Parcel tax is coming up for a vote. 65 & over – exempt. Please vote! It's \$225/year for 6 years. It's a 2/3 vote. It stays local, unlike our property taxes which go all over. 2.6 million dollars/year. Next Tuesday night, all PTA leaders will gather together to discuss the parcel tax and how better to explain/promote to the community.

Principal's Update: Nancy Doyle

Yesterday was a very productive gathering promoting kindness. We will use the signs/props when Nemo comes on April 10th. We are very excited to welcome him back to GV.

Today is our 2nd Mix-it-Up day. Right now it's just 1st & 2nd grade at 11:30 AM. Essentially we are trying to get kids mixing it up with kids they may not ever interact with. Student Council is helping to facilitate. We have more days coming that will include other grade levels.

Fun events going on right now: Miming, 3 Piggy Opera, hip hop. 3rd grade has a new artist-in-residence and just did their Ballona Wetlands trip. 4th graders just did their Rancho trip and it was a success; they will definitely be going back next year. 5th graders are doing hip-hop and just finished the Oscars.

Goal: to get our kids to be better listeners. Kids are exposed to a lot of media right now, so the classroom may not be as stimulating for them. We are trying to do "Whole Body Listening" Parents can reinforce this at home.

Nancy met with Dr. Matthews about perimeter fencing. It looks very promising that we will be getting fencing sooner than later. School board approved the safety committee goals. On April 23rd – 6 PM there is a city council meeting. Hopefully the city can help us as we are in a cost-cutting mode (cutting teachers) We have requested a security guard at GV, patrolling.

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Safety update - Sharon Witzansky

April 27th – 8:30 AM is the next meeting. Please come!

We are very concerned about what is happening in the world. What do we do when there is an unplanned fire alarm. We are still working on a plan.

We still have conversations going on about how open the campus is on weekends. The city gives the school money to use our facilities. (shared use agreement)

There's a conversation going about arming the teachers. Security guards would not be armed. No one that we talk with agrees with arming the teachers even though we know this is a national conversation. Just yesterday there were two incidents in which the guns went off (accident).

Remember – “See something, say something” will get police here. If something seems off, just call. They will respond!

Pilot drop off program is going really well! Morning drop-off is going so much better. We will work out some kinks, and then we'll roll it out to the entire school.

Shane went on the record to see about getting a professional security company look over school plan.

Financials: Jill Pierce

Parent party – \$114K, membership brought in - \$147K

- Passed out transaction reports – Sandy Q motions to approve; Jen Cram seconds motion. Approved.
- Treasurer's Report

Slate: Rochelle Cistone

- Slate announced – see attached. Voting will take place next meeting.

District Update: Dr. Katherine Whittaker Stopp

TOSA introduced: Holly Compton – math focus.

See attached slides

Adjourn – 9:41 AM

Minutes compiled by Nicole Shepley, VP