

Gunderson Foundation Board Meeting Minutes Monday, November 04, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 5:30PM.

All Board Members were present except Jeannette Harding. Greg reported receiving an email from Jeannette before the meeting informing us that she would miss the meeting.

*** Annual Report**

Greg still needs to finalize the numbers with Jeannette. In addition, Greg needs a 100 word bio from each member of the Board similar to the bios for Greg and Ronnie included in the Draft report handed out at the meeting. Greg would like to publish the final report by Nov. 15th.

*** Taxes and 501(c)(3) status**

Greg reported that he had a very good discussion with Neil Bray about taxes and 501(c)(3) status. He has a very clear understanding now of what needs to be done and how to do it (we've been on the right track all along). Also, Tax Day is 5 months and 15 days after fiscal year end (Dec. 15 tax day for us). Neil also set Greg straight on a couple of minor things in the Annual Report.

* Continued discussion of goals for this year - What can we do to help make Gunderson a California Distinguished School in the next three years?

- California Distinguished School

Demerris reported that the Staff has adopted a couple of goals:

1 Motivate students to do their best work.

2. Ensure all students meet the graduation requirements and are ready and able to attend college upon graduating from Gunderson.

Jim asked if there are some support services available to students to achieve this goal. Demerris said there are some services (Counseling/advising) in place in the College and Career Center at the school, but augmentation would be necessary to achieve the goal. We discussed possibly funding a couple of part time people to help in the College and Career Center at a cost of in the neighborhood of \$25,000.

Dr. Murray suggested having a joint meeting with all of the Parent groups (Bosters, PTSA, CLAC, GHS Foundation, and the IIUSP Task Force) to collaborate and explain the goals and objectives to achieve Distinguished School status. Demerris suggested we follow the model used by Willow Glen, in that an impartial facilitator preside over the meeting.

Greg agreed that to come together as a group there would be a need to have an impartial facilitator because of possible tension.

Funding for a facilitator could be paid for by a Danforth(?) grant or other options. Demerris to contact Marcy Lauck and set up meeting to include Jim.

- Fundraising from businesses

Latest update- Pat Dando will be available to attend the meeting in December per Pat's scheduler, Margie. Jim reiterated the fact that Pat suggested tapping into other businesses, such as In 'n Out, etc.

Greg contacted Jerry Strangis about approaching the Capital Auto Mall Dealers. Jerry would like a proposal and will forward it on to Lon Normandin. Dr. Murray said she has worked with district staff on this issue and could help put a proposal together if she had specific information about what information needs to be contained in it.

Also, Dr. Murray has done some work with realtors. Pat Dando has some contacts with Westfield. According to Veronica, the City grant for the teen center at Bret Harte Middle School had nothing to do with Westfield. This would be an ideal time to contact them.

Dr. Murray instructed Cheryl to look into the subject. Jim to check into see what Cheryl has done with the dealerships. Veronica will check w/ Cheryl about a PR piece. Jim will follow up with Jerry Strangis about the dealerships as well.

We talked about a fundraising goal of \$40,000 for this year. \$25,000 would help fund additional help for the College and Career Center, and the balance would be used for expenses, scholarships, and Teacher grants. This goal represents roughly a 30% increase in fundraising from last year.

* Faculty award

Greg still needs to put a proposal together for Faculty Awards. He will try to get something out in the next few days based on the District's previous grant program.

* Technology Scholarship - We need to publicize to the technology classes. Ronnie, any update on Luis?

Ronnie contacted Luis. Luis was okay with the funding option. He will submit bills. The goal is to pay quickly. Luis needs to be reimbursed for his first term expenses. Demerris and Greg will contact Jeannette to get a check off to Luis. We (Ronnie) need to keep a record of Luis' reimbursements.

Meeting adjourned at 6:27PM.

Next meeting Monday, December 2nd, 5:30 PM at Gunderson.